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Wheels fall off Canadian Tire deal

Weighty deal buckles under poor soil
conditions at Minden business park

ERIK MARTENSSON

Staff Reporter

The deal to bring a Canadian Tire store and 70 jobs to Minden has collapsed due to poor soil conditions.

Anson Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon said the agreement between the municipality and the F.A.I. Development Corp to purchase the Minden Business Park was terminated by the developer earlier this month after extensive soil testing showed the area to be unsuitable for a large building without large-scale and expensive upgrading.

"We were very dismayed to get that message. We knew they had still some major problems from the (soil) testing but we felt we were providing some reasonable solutions around land improvements that the municipality could do," said Anthon.

It was envisioned that the development corporation would have leased a portion of the park to Canadian Tire who in turn would have employed 70 full and part-time workers and given Minden an opportunity to become the commercial centre for the region. In addition to the \$4- to \$5-million Canadian Tire project, the park was to be home to another tenant as well.

In negating the contract, F.A.I. noted that the property could not be developed for Canadian Tire at a reasonable cost.

Because the existing soils of the park cannot physically support the proposed 28,000 square foot Canadian Tire building, its construction would have required the use of 27 metre long piles as well as specially engineered fill and a special floor slab. The extensive and advanced con-

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ERIK MARTENSSON/Echo

The streets of Haliburton were extremely quiet on Tuesday morning after a half metre of snow made travelling difficult. A state of emergency was called to ensure plows could get the roads clear for emergency vehicles.

State of emergency called as county thrashed by an overnight snowstorm

ERIK MARTENSSON

Staff Reporter

A county-wide state of emergency was called as Haliburton was walloped by a strong storm that left almost a half metre of snow blanketing the Highlands last week.

The storm began mid-afternoon on Monday and dumped 48 centimetres of snow in a 17-hour period before fizzling out at about eight o'clock on Tuesday morning, according to Phil Graham, a weather observer with Environment Canada.

The Minden resident says to his recollection it is one of the heaviest snowfalls to hit the region since 1948. Similar conditions were reported across the southern portion of the

province.

All of the schools in the county remained closed as buses were unable to navigate treacherous roads while many businesses also stayed locked or shut their doors early.

The OPP reported only a few minor motor vehicle accidents as most people did not venture outside.

The state of emergency was called by the Haliburton County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) at 5:45 a.m. and remained in effect until 10 a.m. on Tuesday morning.

EMS Manager Bob English says he made the decision to call the state of emergency in conjunction with the county's Mutual-Aid Fire co-ordinator Miles Maughan, who had been

in contact with the county's fire chiefs.

"We called a state of emergency so that we could notify the media and have the residents stay inside, stay off the roads, and allow the snow removal operations to take place and to provide us access for our emergency vehicles," says English.

English notes that while most of the primary roadways were kept clear overnight, the large snow accumulation had blocked many secondary roads and threatened the ability of emergency services vehicles to operate in those areas.

"We felt it was necessary to call a state of emergency and

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It will be a happy holiday season for many children thanks to the 4Cs and the generous people of Haliburton County. Almost 300 gifts were donated and will be delivered to children in need across the Highlands. Here Rose Barry picks out a toy to wrap.



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news and events worth noting

Last week's story about the Drag River Project's wrap-up dinner should have stated that the event was held at Birch Point Lodge. Incorrect information appeared, for which we apologize.

Young musicians with a special talent should note that the deadline for applying for an audition with the National Youth Choir of Canada is January 15. For further information, contact Svetlana Vlahovich at 416-5324470/4479 or e-mail nyoc@interlog.com.

Just as the snowmobiles and skis come out for another season, there's advanced notice of the Toronto Boat Show at Toronto's National Trade Centre from January 13 to 21. New this year is the Discover Boating Centre at the Coliseum Arena with reliable, unbiased answers to boating questions in a friendly, non-commercial atmosphere. There's also a Kidz Zone, antique boats, a focus on fishing and information about the new licence requirements. For details call 416-203-3934 or visit www.torontoboatshow.com.

Classes planned for smokers ready to quit

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is offering a Smoke-Free Living Program that could offer support to anyone wanting to quit smoking. This program runs twice a week for three weeks.

Classes begin Thursday, January 11, 2001, at 7 p.m. at the Health Unit's Haliburton office, three kilometres north of town on Highway 118 (beside Dysart Road Department Garages).

"Sometimes a little support from others can make all of the difference when people are quitting smoking," says Kris Kadwell, with the HKPR District Health Unit's Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention department. "We can provide a variety of resources, information and support to help people become smoke-free and stay that way."

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Mary Wilcox earns her wings

Haliburton woman gets her pilot's licence just weeks before giving birth

STEVE GALEA

Special to The Echo

Mary Donovan-Wilcox jokes that the Flying Nun has nothing on her. And, after talking to her for an hour or so, I'm convinced that she's not so far from the truth.

After all, the flying nun had a deep and abiding faith in God. The same goes for Mary — she too is a deeply spiritual person. And when Sally Field played the airborne sister, she'd set her habit into the wind and take off.

Okay, Mary requires assistance from a Cessna 150, but I'd guess that she attains a better cruising speed.

Of course, both are impressive. But the energetic, 36-year-old Haliburton woman went one step further. She learned to fly while pregnant — and continued flying right into her thirtieth week, which is as far as regulations allow. In fact, she says that Aiden James, who was born at three a.m. on December 18, logged more than 70 hours of prenatal flight time. Talk about being a natural born aviator!

Mary, who was due to deliver her baby on December 12th, passed her flight test on October 9th and bested the written portion just one week prior to her due date. Once she rewrites and passes one segment of that test, she will be a licensed recreational pilot.

And, believe it or not, she says that being pregnant helped. "I knew I needed to get my licence before the baby was born. After that, my time and efforts would focus on the new-born and I had no idea when I'd be able to get back to flying. So, in a way, the baby was a great motivator."

Determined to make the most of her time, Mary flew every day that she was able to in an aircraft that she and her husband bought. They then sold three other shares in it. This allowed four pilots to split operational costs and reduce the expense of learning to fly. "It's a great way to keep costs down and have access to an aircraft. And when you want to move on, you still have equity. We have two shares open now if anyone is interested. The two previous owners went on to buy their own aircraft."

Mary first considered learning to fly after meeting a female Ministry of Natural Resources helicopter pilot long ago. However, it was her husband, Stephen Wilcox, who inspired her to take the idea seriously.

Stephen, an experienced pilot who held a commercial licence at 19, has a passion for aviation. He also flies his own aircraft for business travel.

Mary explained that the couple and their children also fly frequently to visit family and go on vacations. With this in mind, the idea of a second qualified pilot in the family seemed sensible to both.

"My husband and I decided that it would be a good idea for me to learn how to fly," she summarized happily.

That was nearly two years ago. Her first flying lesson was at Stanhope airport and, from that point on, she was hooked. Now, she advises anyone who has an interest in aviation to take a lesson. "It's fun. I got the bug from that first time out."

But motivation aside, pregnancy did present unique challenges. She laughs when she recalls all the help she received from well-meaning people. "They were not used to seeing a pregnant woman pushing a plane or fuelling it up, so I rarely had to do these things. Everyone was great."



Submitted

As she trained to get her pilot's licence, Mary Donovan Wilcox, here with her son Liam, flew until the 30th week of her pregnancy. Her due date was December 12 and her written exam was December 9, so she kept hoping the baby would give her the time she needed. Aiden James Wilcox complied, not landing into the hospital delivery room until December 18.

A fellow student from England who was writing a book on aviation was amazed to note that "Mary jumped in and out of an airplane like it was a minivan."

No doubt he left with a bolstered respect for Canadian women.

Physically, she says that aside from the normal fatigue that comes with carrying a child, she was lucky. "The worst part was the mental stress. Flying requires a person to remain constantly focused and that was made even more challenging by pregnancy."

Mary says, "The whole thing was a bit of a miracle. Everything had to come together for me to pass."

In this she credits her faith, family and friends. Her husband and children — stepdaughters Jenna, 14, and Summer, 12, and son Liam, 5 — all pitched in. "They were so supportive. Everyone had to sacrifice a bit because there's a lot of study time involved and I couldn't do all the things I wanted to. But when I came home after passing the flight test there was a banner saying, 'Congratulations Mommy, 87%'."

Among the many friends who helped her out, Barry Hart stands out. Barry, a veteran pilot, tutored Mary in ground school. "He helped me understand the technical, mechanical, and mathematical aspects of aviation. This was something that I had to work hard at. It didn't come naturally to me."

One of Mary's best stories centres around a trip to Centralia near London.

She and Barry decided to fly down together in separate aircraft. Though Mary had only previously completed one cross-country run, she felt confident in flying with Barry as an escort.

As Hart had a much faster aircraft, he had to continually circle behind her Cessna 150 to maintain visual contact. During one of these circles, Barry lost sight of Mary, and Mary intent on other duties, veered slightly off course. In the 15 minutes that contact was lost, Mary found herself over an urban area that she thought was Orillia. After scrutinizing the map, she realized that this was not the case and believed herself over Collingwood.

However, Hart was over Collingwood and could not see her aircraft. This was because she was over Midland. (Orillia, Collingwood, and Midland look similar from the air and are only five minutes flight time apart.) It didn't take long for the pilots to put two and two together and re-establish visual contact. The rest of the trip went smooth as silk.

Through it all, Mary's excellent training paid dividends. "There was no reason to panic. I was not in any danger. I had plenty of fuel and could see an airport. It was a great learning experience. After we completed our journey we discussed how to use landmarks such as water towers to pinpoint location. It was quite instructional."

Now that Mary has gone through this training, she feels it is important to dispel some misconceptions about learning to fly. First off, she says it is not nearly as expensive as some people imagine. "A person can get their recreational pilot's licence for as little as \$3,000." She also maintains that though complex, flying is not difficult. "If I can do it. Anyone can do it."

"Flying makes the world smaller," she says.

Maybe so, but Mary Donovan-Wilcox has certainly expanded her horizons. And, while most babies seem to be little angels, this one has truly earned his wings.

Crews work through the night and well into Tuesday to remove snow from roads

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enact a plan so that we could set up a contingency whereby if we had fire or ambulance emergencies the roads department could accompany our vehicles to provide us access."

"And actually at about 6:30 this morning we had a diabetic emergency down on County Road 1 and one of the plows from Haliburton accompanied the ambulance and they were able to assist the paramedics at the scene and it went off without a hitch. So it worked well."

Battling the intense snowfall, the county roads department worked throughout the night to keep the county's main arteries open while many municipal roads departments began their snow removal operations early Tuesday morning.

Maughan, who is also Dysart et al's roads supervisor, says the 13 members of his roads crew started their operations shortly before six a.m. and worked throughout Tuesday.

"The snow plowing went excellently, I'm very happy. We only had a few cases where cars were parked in the way, but most people stayed out of the way and we were able to open all the roads up and had everything cleaned up by 2:30. The guys worked extremely well and did the best they can do under those circumstances."

With only five ploughs and one grader responsible for clearing approximately 250 kilometres of roadway, Dysart's roads crew was still busy on Friday removing snow dumped by the storm.

Maughan believes the state of emergency call managed to keep people at home and off the roads.

"If Bob [English] or myself had got on the radio and said, 'conditions aren't very good - stay at home', people



ERIK MARTENSSON/Echo

Maple Avenue in Haliburton's downtown core was pretty quiet on Tuesday morning because drivers were either heeding the county's call to stay off the roads or were unable to overcome the snow to get to work. Schools were closed and many businesses either didn't open or closed early.

ple would have still ventured out and then it would have taken us longer to plough or there might have been more medical emergencies because people would have went out and tried to shovel to get out to go to work and there may have been a few heart-attacks."

While the county's emergency plan has been in place for several years, the snowstorm necessitated its first-ever use.

"The feedback we're getting, at least from the public, is really good," says English. "I think some people were maybe a little bit shocked or maybe amazed that a state of emergency was called. But I think once they assessed the situation and saw how things were spread across the county I think that they were happy that it was called to the effect that it brought emergence to the situation and it showed people really how serious things were."

English notes that the state of emergency call was also beneficial in that it provided an opportunity to see the county's plan in action for the first time.

"We have been able to identify where we would like to revise the plan in the future - where maybe a possi-

bility is that we'd have different stages that we would partake in before we would call the state of emergency. As the situation escalated or as we saw fit we could maybe go on to the next stage or that sort of thing rather than calling a state of emergency right off the bat."

English says people should not be embarrassed that Haliburton was the only region in the province to call a state of emergency.

"In the county on Tuesday we were in a state of emergency. We could not provide, at that time, without placing certain contingencies in place, emergency services to the residents of the county and we identified that very early in the morning."

"At three or four o'clock in the morning we didn't know when the storm was going to end and at that point in time it was critical for us. We didn't have access due to the weather."

"People who are embarrassed I would have to say didn't understand first the plan, and secondly the emergency of the situation. If it hadn't of been in place we would have been in trouble."

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County council to review state of emergency call

LEN PIZZEY

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County council will review its emergency plan after some county councillors expressed concerns over the process by which a state of emergency was declared during last Tuesday's snowstorm.

It was the first time the county's emergency plan has been tested, and some believe the lines of communications spelled out in the plan were not followed.

The emergency plan denotes the people responsible for declaring a general state of emergency and for co-ordinating activities during that emergency. They include the county warden or an alternate, the county CEO, the OPP detachment commander, the head of the county's mutual aid fire organization, and the county roads superintendent.

At last Wednesday's county council meeting, Jim McMahon, a member of the emergency services committee, said the state of emergency was declared without his knowledge. "Lines of communication were crossed" he said.

On a positive note, however, he said the declaration "kept people off the streets, the roads crews were able to get snow removed without too much difficulty."

Sherborne reeve Don Shortreed said members of county council and staff were not notified of the emergency declaration. Shortreed said Sherborne's fire chief was the only official in his municipality notified of the emergency declaration. At 10:20 am the Sherborne municipi-

pal office was notified by fax that the emergency had been cancelled as of 10 a.m.

"We have to review the plan and see who is responsible to who", Shortreed said.

Later in an interview, Warden Jean Anthon outlined her involvement in the emergency declaration. She said she received a call from county emergency coordinator Bob English at 6 a.m. Tuesday.

"My understanding of his words were that he had already declared it", and that he had alerted media, ambulance staff, fire departments police and roads departments.

"In retrospect I probably should have put a hold on the activities, and called for the group to discuss the need for the

declaration".

As to whether the state of emergency was justified, Anthon said "I don't think any of us considered the scenario" of a heavy snowfall when the emergency plan for the county was drafted.

Anthon said she did not contact other county staff or representatives after speaking to English, because she thought she should keep her phone line available.

"I have to assume responsibility for any breakdown in communications" Anthon said. "We've learned some lessons" she added. "We will review the plan to ensure that it spells out lines of authority and lines of communication."

"We will also consider what to do" if a member of the co-ordination group can't get to a central site to plan a response, Anthon said. "There should be another way of communicating."

"In retrospect I probably should have put a hold on the (emergency) activities"

Warden JEANNE ANTHON

MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO



Turtles in Antarctica?

To help raise money for their research trip to Antarctica after Christmas, HHSS students Adam Bathe and Ryan Sisson came up with several initiatives, such as selling homemade chocolate turtles. Here, MNR biologist Dave Flowers pitches during a visit to the high school. The outdoors enthusiasts also hosted an Antarctica or Bust luncheon. The two teenagers leave December 27 along with 98 other Canadian students and will tour the most southern continent until January 8.

Trail conditions still limited as HCSA prepares for busy snowmobile season

The following information was taken from the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association's website on Monday morning. Trail conditions are updated on a regular basis so before you hit the trails you might want to visit www.hcsa.on.ca first.

Overall Trail Condition: Limited
Overall Temp: Average
Lake Conditions: Not Staked
Lakes are not safe - "STAY OFF"

Most larger lakes are still wide open. Small lakes are very slushed up. (Always check with local businesses before going)

Suggested Routes: Grooming has started. Remember if a trail is not groomed then it is not open. Very mild temps mixed with freezing rain have caused us to stop grooming (on December 17). Grooming recommenced on Sunday night.

Deep snow mixed with rainfall followed by a freeze-up should provide a great base on all trails.

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Minden legally unable to do more to stabilize soil

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struction would have substantially increased the cost of the project.

Anthon said council and F.A.I. had worked together for several months to find alternative solutions to reduce the cost of the development including moving the Highway 35 access road to the park.

"We were discussing moving the road to accommodate wherever they would want the road to go. We had put in a temporary road with the knowledge that it might have to be moved anyway for whoever came along so that was always understood.

"We also recognized that the hill that is still in place at the corner of Prince St. and Highway 35 is not desirable for a lot of businesses, they want full exposure to the highway traffic, and we knew that might have to be part of our negotiations also."

Anthon noted the municipality is not in a position to "bonus" or subsidize the increased development costs under the Municipal Act. Nor would it be fair to other businesses in the area that did not receive additional help from the municipality, she said.

"You can't do work or provide

something to a particular business that you aren't offering every other single business. And so when it came right down to the requirements for that large store, the pilings etc., it's rather obvious that you're building it to a particular store's specifications and so that would be interpreted as bonus-ing. We checked with our lawyer and felt we just couldn't go there. As a matter of fact we were warned that politicians are personally liable if they are charged with that."

Once notified that the deal with the developer had fallen through, council immediately contacted the intended tenants in order to make them aware that the municipality is still interested in supporting any proposal to attract them to the area.

Anthon said Canadian Tire may still be interested in another location in Minden and that tenants requiring smaller buildings not subject to the same soil problems could still call the business

park home in the future.

"FAI would still like to manage the property if we can find some other tenants so we're leaving all our options open. That's the way it has been left and so the new council then can have total free-

Minden was an appropriate location, one that would draw people from a very large market area, so that's very positive."

Anthon also noted both the Business Park and the highway are attractive to many businesses.

"We sense there is great interest in the Highway 35 corridor especially in light of the improvements that have been made this year and I think it's showing itself to be ideal development area."

Rigney said the new council will be working very hard over the next term of office to bring business to the area.

"I think we have to make sure that they (businesses) understand what chances there are in this area. I don't think that we've necessarily, through the Chamber or anybody, have done a very good job at really letting the outside world really know about us. I think that what we have to do is become very aggressive and I think the Chamber is starting to feel that now and starting to do

some things."

Anthon stated that because the developer absorbed the cost of soil testing the municipality only lost the cost of its lawyers when the transaction broke down.

"But all that could be beneficial for future negotiations in the sense that we fine-tuned the types of arrangements that might be desirable," she said. "I think it's probably a normal cost of trying to do business."

The municipality was to sell the seven-acre parcel of land they purchased in 1996 for \$88,000 to F.A.I. for \$150,000. Since 1996 the municipality has spent \$168,847 on development, of which \$117,469 was the expense for the Prince St. realignment. The township received \$68,058 in infrastructure funding for the realignment. With the hope of bringing industrial or commercial development to the park, the municipality also installed hydro, water and sewer services.

If the Canadian Tire development had been completed at an Actual Value Assessment of \$4-million, the realty taxes generated from the commercial property would have been approximately \$100,000.

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JEANNE ANTHON

dom to negotiate as they wish."

Minden Hills Reeve Elect Ross Rigney said the new council which takes office in January will be very aggressive in going back after Canadian Tire and is optimistic that they will be successful in bringing them to the Highlands.

"That will be one of our priorities because I'm actually working on another deal and this hurts us when one of them cancels on us. One of the significant factors about them coming here was the fact that their market studies had indicated that Highway 35 in



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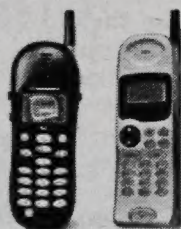
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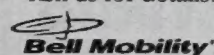
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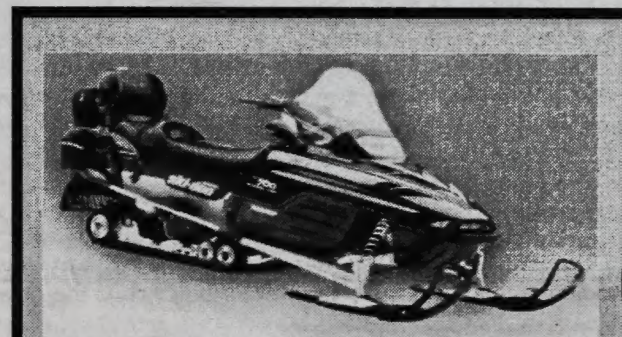


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County transfers ownership of Hyland Crest to health services

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

First on Wednesday and then on Thursday, county council and the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board unanimously voted in favour of the HHHS taking over ownership of Hyland Crest from the county.

For both, it was a momentous occasion, ending months of negotiations, not to mention decades of tradition.

However, although all the legal arrangements have been finalized, the official transfer still hinges on the province enacting changes to the Municipal Act which would no longer require counties to own homes for the aged as a condition of their county status. It's expected the legislation will be passed next year.

"It's been a long road to get to this point," HHHS board chairman Dave Coulson said at Thursday night's meeting.

He noted that similar negotiations have been taking place across the province, and not with the same level of success.

"It's really a credit to county council and the board that we were able to work through these issues" to achieve what's best for healthcare in the Highlands, he said. "Haliburton County should be proud of showing leadership."

"We're happy with the price, are we," joked board

MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO



Haliburton Highlands Health Services board member Jack Brezina reads the motion that has the HHHS take over ownership of Hyland Crest while secretary Betty Russell, executive director Foster Loucks and board president Dave Coulson listen. The motion was unanimously adopted.

member Jack Brezina, referring to the \$1 price tag of the deal for the 62-bed nursing home in Minden.

"Do we have to pay PST and GST," responded Dick Charron.

The transfer of ownership from the county to the HHHS was one of the Ministry of Health's conditions when approving the recent capital expansion projects. Implementing the province's will was not always a simple matter, however. The board thanked Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey for "smoothing the way to make this happen."

Several years ago, the county entered into an agreement with Extendicare to manage Hyland Crest. The

arrangement has worked very well from the county's perspective and Foster Loucks, executive director of the HHHS, said after the meeting that the agreement will remain in place after the transfer of ownership.

"Having inherited the (management) contract, our options are whether to continue with the agreement but we haven't made that decision yet. We'll see how it works.

"There's even been some thought that some consideration be given to Extendicare having some comparable role at Haliburton (Hospital's new 30-bed long-term care unit)," Loucks said.

That is an issue yet to be discussed by the board.

Meanwhile, board members were very pleased to see this final step of being the umbrella organization for healthcare services in the county be made.

"This falls in line with what we've been doing all along," Brezina said, noting "there's a lot of work to be done and it will be a challenging task to bring it all together."

Tuesday was different kind of emergency day in Minden

They made the move when the rest of the county was incapacitated by a state of emergency, but the new emergency facility at the Hyland Crest site in Minden is officially up and running.

Staff packed up everything at the old Minden Hospital on Monday night and completed most of the move to their brand new home last Tuesday, despite the snow that prompted the county to declare a state of emergency.

"The staff hunkered down and pulled together and made it happen," reported executive director Foster Loucks. "We were in business by noon.

"The facility looks great and I see smiles on all the faces of staff."

Although the closure of the old wooden Minden Hospital will make some people sad and nostalgic, Loucks said "there's recognition that time moves on and it was time to make the move."

He thanked staff for all their hard work in making the move so successful.

People should note that in cases of emergency, and to visit the doctors' clinic formerly housed at the hospital, they should now go to the new emergency facility attached to Hyland Crest. Access is from Deep Bay Road.

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Emergency warning

In the wake of last Tuesday's state of emergency – or should that be “in the columns of snowbanks left behind by an army of plows”? – perhaps we should come up with a term that falls somewhere between “listen up everyone” and “state of emergency.” Maybe the county needs to come up with a “state of organizational need” or a “please stay off the roads plan.”

Describing last Tuesday's massive dump of snow a state of emergency conjured up images of chaos and concern. While there was a need for a co-ordinated effort of snowplowing to ensure emergency vehicles could get through, there was no immediate danger that roads would be clogged with abandoned cars, frozen

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monuments to the almighty power of Mother Nature and her ability to win any major argument between snow and cars. Because the snow fell steadily the night before, when most people woke up on Tuesday morning, they discovered they couldn't have driven into work even if they had wanted to. Driveways were as clogged as the roads, and private snowplow operators had to wait until the roads were cleared before they could even attempt to start clearing out their clients' driveways. Those who had their own snowblowers – mechanized or muscled – also had a lengthy task ahead of them. Most people probably wouldn't have been able to even reach a road before 10 a.m., when the state of emergency was lifted.

The people responsible for calling the state of emergency believed that only such words would get across their message to stay off the roads. It's impossible to tell if they were right. Maybe the radio and television stations would not have provided so much coverage if there hadn't been the words “state of emergency” to tease them. But officials should be wary of using the word “emergency” too often. It takes the urgency out of the situation if people think it's just a way to give snowplows priority on the roads. Use it too often when it's not truly an emergency situation and that's when people will begin to ignore requests for co-operation.

That said, the EMS acted in a highly responsible way by telling people to stay off the roads. It is important to give snowplows priority and it gives people an idea of what conditions will be like once they venture away from home. But again, this past Monday morning, roads and highways in southern Ontario were closed without anybody having to declare a state of emergency. There is a middle ground here. And again, in this fast-paced society, we all need to remember that life will not end if we're two hours late for work, but it will end if we're not safe and prudent on our roads. In most circumstances, the risks far outweigh the reasons for trying to outmuscle the incredible power of nature to remind us who's the real boss. Wait it out safely at home.

The problems created by getting too much snow at once aside, Haliburton County is looking like an idyllic Christmas card as the holiday approaches. Given last year's snow “drought”, the early arrival of winter is certainly to be appreciated. Better to have lots of snow than none at all, especially in an area which has such a weather dependent economy.

And as people take pause to savour Christmas, its bringing together of people and its renewal of faith in the future, everyone here at The Echo would like to extend their best wishes to all of our readers. Our Christmas supplement has some fun and heart-touching stories for you to enjoy in the quiet times and we, like our advertisers, hope you see the supplement as a way of extending cheer and best wishes for the season and coming year.



Drag River, Haliburton

by Len Pizze/Echo

A humble symbol of the true north, strong and free

If you ever doubted the ingenuity of the Canadian outdoorsperson, look no further than the snowshoe. Simple and rugged, they are like those of us who actually attempt to use them. To me, the snowshoe and the donut shop are symbols of the true north strong and free and proof positive that we have entirely too much time on our hands. Forget the maple leaf, these enduring emblems should have graced our flag.

Snowshoes are not simply tennis rackets gone bad. Far from it. In fact, nothing will handicap a good tennis player like snowshoes. Sure, it's awkward to return a sizzling backhand as you are make a her-ring-boned dash up court, but you'll really know your limitations if you happen to win and need jump the net. This might be why tennis never caught on around Hudson's Bay.

Still, in the right settings, snowshoes can be an asset. However, unless you routinely trudge across windswept ice packs in search of your next feed of walrus, there is no right setting. Not here. In these less frigid climes, snowshoes are the domain of the feeble-minded and desperate. All others trust snowmobiles.

Naturally, I was out snowshoeing last week. Of course, I don't know what possessed me, it's not like I was desperate.

In that momentary lapse, I forgot that snowshoes were actually designed to hang on cabin walls and maybe swat the odd black fly in spring. To an experienced outdoorsman, nothing looks nicer over a backwoods fireplace, except maybe a moose head with a bottle opener inlaid under the chin. In fact, veteran snowshoers often leave them hung up over the fireplace for winters on end, hoping a errant spark will set the rawhide and wood aflame.

Wives, place the moose heads next to them, for

similar reasons.

Perhaps, it was because they have hung on my wall for the last two years without incurring serious fire damage that the urge struck me. Looking at them day in and out brought fond memories. Okay, maybe not, but at least the flashbacks ceased.

So, with last week's big snowfall, I strapped on my old snowshoes and got ready to go. Now, I'll admit to being a little rusty, and maybe that explains why I failed to take them down from the wall before I affixed myself to them.

My wife wasn't much help either, rushing out with the kindling and matches.

Despite this minor setback, I was soon on my way. Now, in showshoeing, as in all other modes of travel, the downhill part is easy. It's the uphill climbs that are hard. Fortunately in Haliburton, downhill is fifty percent of your travel.

Veteran snow walkers have many techniques for descending steep slopes. Mine consists of rolling up in a ball with snowshoes wrapped behind my head as I slowly but surely gain speed and hurtle towards the creek at the bottom. The wanton screaming serves a similar role to the “Fore!” in golf.

Ah, there is nothing like a pristine snowscape, even if viewed from a face down position. It really awakens a person to the stark beauty of nature. Even in winter, you really have to stop and smell the roses, frozen or not.

And the small campfire is a wonderful thing, although even the most experienced outdoorsmen will sometimes forget that he shouldn't stand too close while wearing snowshoes. On the plus side, I broke a new trail to the creek.

No matter. As McArthur said, “I have returned.” If only my snowshoes could say as much.

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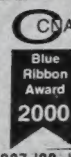
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Christmas journeys

Living in a small, out-of-the-way community has many charming advantages. However, during the Christmas season, this rural location can pose challenges for those who have friends and family elsewhere. It's often difficult to convince people to come visit you during the holidays, rather than you going to their home. When you live somewhere that is on the way to nowhere, close to no other family member, people don't beat a path to your door. During the madly rushing, trying-to-fit-everything-in time of year, you are probably the one to do a lot of driving.

Erica was sitting at her kitchen table, reviewing her Christmas card list - which grew smaller as postage costs grew bigger - and thinking about the journey she would be undertaking in a week to spend Christmas with her brother near Kitchener. She knew she was one of the lucky ones. Every year, she and her brother alternated between each others' homes, so Erica did not face the long trip on an annual basis. Life had not always been so easy. Having adult children who move away and older relatives who pass away, can leave a person feeling both a little lonely and a lot relieved during the festive time of year.



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Over the years, Erica had been aware of and participated in a number of Christmas journeys, long and short, big and small. There had been white-knuckled treks through snowstorms, ice storms or both. There had been marathon round trippers where she had driven great distances to pick up guests and then turned right around and brought them back to her house. She had endured whining, over-fed and over-tired children who wanted to be anywhere except in the backseat on their way to Aunt Mabel's. And, perhaps the worst, she

had experienced the agony of exchanging gifts with a horde of semi-hostile strangers called new in-laws in a tiny house where everyone except herself smoked. This, sandwiched in between two gigantic turkey dinners. Her parents had provided the second meal and insisted she do more than pick at her plate.

But, as she thought about the many different Christmases she had known over the years, Erica acknowledged there had been the good along with the bad and the ugly. Two in particular came to mind.

One had been her first Christmas in Whitehorse. The city had been about half its present size and Erica had had a small apartment downtown, where the owners lived upstairs. The windows on the building had been of a particularly inefficient design and ice was always building up on their surfaces. Although impractical, this gave a certain picture-perfect, Christmas card frame to anything Erica looked at through the icy window. About a week before Christmas, she and her friend were going to a Christmas party held in a small hall in town. It was a very cold week. Years later, Erica was able to say it was the coldest week in all the years she lived in Whitehorse. That kind of cold is very hard on vehicles and because Erica and her friend lived close to the hall, they decided to walk to the party, rather than drive. There was no wind that night and so walking, provided they dressed sensibly, was perfectly acceptable. The key was layers of clothing. Over and under thermal and wool clothing, Erica managed to fit a party dress. With her feet in mukluks and party shoes tucked into her parka pocket, she and her friend walked through the quiet streets where no cars or pickups disturbed the cold, clear night. Their faces swathed in fur and scarves, they were still able to crane their necks backwards to gaze up at the northern lights that seemed to follow them as they moved over the crunching ground. Lights glowed warmly from modest, low slung homes and the air was thick with the pungent smell of wood smoke. It had been a peaceful, unhurried walk that had stayed with her for years.

The other memory Erica recalled was one Christmas day when her grandmother and two maiden great aunts had come for Christmas dinner. This was unusual, because they usually went to one of Erica's many uncles. But for some reason, this year they came to her house. In retrospect, Erica now knew it must have been a trying day for her mother, who felt she could never seem to live up to her mother-in-law's high standards. At the time, Erica was unaware of any of those tensions between the adults. Instead, she remembered her father arriving back home with three elderly women dressed in tailored dresses and wearing their necklaces with matching earrings and bracelets. The hallway was suddenly full of the scent of lavender and Erica kissed soft powdered cheeks carefully, respectfully.

Erica and her brothers then moved into the living room with their parents and "the ladies" as her mother called them, to sit and make polite conversation while her mother bounced between there and the kitchen to tend the turkey. The living room always looked wonderful at Christmas and Erica remembered feeling happy and proud to share it this time with these special women. The pine tree was massive, brushing the ceiling and heavy with adornment. Holly and lights shone from the fireplace mantel and the copper and brass shone like happy faces in the warm firelight. After a short while, the children were excused, leaving the adults to sit and sip their sherry.

She remembered, after the meal was finished and the kitchen was left with a mountain of dishes yet to be washed, the three ladies donning their coats while her father started the car for the drive back to their own small bungalow on the other side of the city. One great aunt was very rosy-cheeked from the sherry and all three looked as though they had enjoyed their visit. Erica carried the bag of presents to the waiting car for them before hurrying back into the warm house. As she watched the car pull out of the driveway, she had wished they could come every Christmas. Being together that day had made it a very special Christmas for her.



pic of the past

Deer are abundant in the Highlands, but it's not common to encounter them on Main Street. Moss Robertson befriended this fawn, which accompanied him on a trip down main street in the winter of 1962. Mr. Robertson and the deer are shown in front of what is now the LCBO store. According to Bill Gliddon, who remembers the incident, the deer eventually was struck by a vehicle and killed. Our thanks to Jean Bradley of Welland for providing us with this glimpse of the Highlands' past.

letters to the editor

Election shows new momentum

To the Editor:

Election follow-up interviews with candidates Pat Dunn, Laurie Scott and Alliance president Mark Wood were appreciated. Good job Echo and reporter Erik Martenson!

In the context of the remarks tendered during those interviews and with particular reference to the repetitive results obtained in three consecutive federal elections in our riding, it is my opinion, supported by the accompanying comparative chart, that we are mistaken to assume that nothing has changed. Although not indicated by elected "seats", readers can easily discern a new momentum; and may decide for themselves the implications.

When we do apparently the same thing and seem to obtain the same result we have grounds for neither surprise nor disappointment; but should have cause to consider our future course with care. Nearly 100 years ago, George Santayana wrote: "Those who cannot remember

the past are condemned to repeat it."

2000 National Popular Vote Compared with 1997:

Lib. (Gain) 223,366 votes = 4.5% (Gain) on 1997
CA (Gain) 750,799 votes = 30% (Gain) on 1997
PC (Loss) 884,193 votes = 36% (Drop) from 1997
BQ (Loss) 19,729 votes = 1.5% (Drop) from 1997
Others (Gain) 81,846 votes = 38% (Gain) from 1997

Method of Calculation:

Percentages were rounded off to the nearest half percent. CNEWS was the source for raw totals from which these calculations derive; they record 99.6% of the polls included in their National Popular Vote Results.

Also noteworthy is the fact that 7.5 million eligible voters did not vote; as a result the ruling majority government has been endorsed by only 25% (approx.) of the eligible electorate.

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To the Editor:

I would like to thank my family, friends, teachers, the service clubs, church groups and businesses who have given me financial support towards my educational and environmental research trip to Antarctica with "Students On Ice".

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Your help and support has been greatly appreciated. I look forward to sharing my experience with each of you when I return to Haliburton County.

Ryan Sisson
Minden

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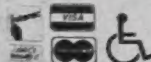
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- I cry easily or for no reason at all.
- I am always tired or am very restless and cannot sit still.

- I feel worthless or guilty.
- I have had a change in appetite causing weight gain or weight loss.
- I think about hurting myself, death and suicide.
- I have trouble thinking, clearly, concentrating and am becoming forgetful.

- I cannot seem to make everyday decisions anymore.
- I have problems sleeping or I just sleep all the time.
- I am much more irritable and am angry most of the time.

If you checked off three or more of the above, you may be depressed. But guess what? You are not alone. At least one out of ten adults suffers from depression at least once in his or her lifetime.

If you are depressed, never believe it is your (or

anyone else's) fault. It has been connected with small chemical imbalances in the brain. Depression also has a genetic link and can run in families. It may also be triggered by stressful event(s) in your life. Certain

medicines, abusing drugs or alcohol, or having other illnesses can also lead to depression. Depression is not caused by laziness, lack of willpower or personal weakness. There is good news. It is a medical illness that can be treated.

There are many ways to treat depression depending on how severely you are affected. Treatment should involve some form of counselling which may

include psychotherapy (in depth exploration of your feelings and past events in your life), regular physical exercise, light therapy (for something called seasonal affective disorder - a type of depression occurring in the fall and winter months) and medications.

If you think you might be depressed, please talk to your doctor. Depression is treatable. Remember, you do not have to feel this way.

Brian Holowachuk, Bob Heyes, Norm Bottum,
Karl Hartwick

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Stanhope library service praised

To the Editor:

I decided to set aside, just for a moment, the latest book that has captured my attention to write in appreciation of the unparalleled library services I've come to take for granted.

I can easily walk the short kilometer from my home to the Stanhope branch of the Haliburton County Library. I can always be assured of receiving not only the best of service but I can also expect to leave the library with more books than I have time to read. Sherrill and Elaine, the Stanhope Branch faithful staff, consistently create a welcoming and ever helpful atmosphere, an atmosphere that one would be hard pressed to match in a larger urban centre.

I love going to my local library. I appreciate greatly the inter-library loan service. I read with enthusiasm the

latest and greatest literature the world has to offer. I look forward to picking up new titles. All of this is easily found just around the corner at my local branch.

I also applaud the foresight and wisdom of a county council that supports the literacy of the local population by funding a strong vibrant library service that includes local branches. I urge local politicians to go beyond maintaining current funding levels and I suggest that county inhabitants would appreciate and benefit from an increase in the Library budget and an expansion of the extraordinary services already in place.

Thanks for the hours of pleasure the library has provided me....now, back to that book I was reading....

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Health care future needs to be studied

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Rather than hastily pull together a funding application for new long-term care beds by the end of next month, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board has decided to spend its energies on trying to accurately gauge how best to meet this county's future healthcare needs.

January 31 is the Ministry of Health's deadline for applying for funding for new long-term care beds through the third and final phase of its capital expansion program.

But not only did the HHHS celebrate the opening of 30 new beds just two months ago — using funds from the first phase —, the Ministry has indicated Haliburton is not high on its priority list for new beds.

This, coupled with the difficulty of compiling all the statistics and arguments needed to prove its case, prompted the board to forego any possibility of getting in on the third phase's funding.

Instead, it will use the next few months to pull together data that it hopes will provide it with a strong and informative base on which to pin future funding applications.

"We should develop a more comprehensive plan that may include long-term care and retirement housing," reported Dick Charron, a member of an HHHS task force, at Thursday's night's board meeting.

"Our task force doesn't want to convey we're backing away from the challenge we have," said executive director Foster Loucks. "Our task force doesn't want to be driven by a January 31 deadline. We'd rather step back and look at what we can do in a broader context."

"We're hearing about opportunities to develop a broader vision. In our community, we don't have the range of housing that a lot of other communities have. We should be looking at that."

Charron noted that if the HHHS did apply for funds under the third phase, the Ministry's funding formula would almost certainly leave the county with a large bill

raised soon.

That said, Charron says the task force should go ahead with planning for the future since it seems clear that demands on facilities will continue to grow. Baby boomers are expected to retire to the Highlands, increasing the county's population, and many of them may also want to transfer aging parents to facilities closer to

what sort and size of facilities were needed.

In response to Doug Campbell's comment that there were already 40 people on the waiting list for the existing facilities, Fearrey said his experience has shown that not everyone on the waiting list would be prepared to move into a new facility tomorrow. Many like to put their name in on a "just in case" basis.

As well, he said that some people on the waiting list for the new beds might be existing residents at Haliburton Extendicare. If they are transferred, that would open up beds at Extendicare.

Another issue, he said, is the availability of land. The Ministry says the land for new facilities must already be in place.

Peter White said that although he supported the task force's recommendation, "I'd hate to see us drag our heels and it become a crisis."

Don DeMaio was concerned whether the emphasis on "the broader context" would mean undervaluing the need for more long-term care beds, but Charron said the task force, which will continue to look into the county's needs, may indeed come back and recommend that the board pursue funding for just long-term care beds.

"It's not an either/or situation," Loucks added in support of Charron's response.

Meanwhile, the board has applied for funding for 15 new complex continuing care beds. It is still awaiting word on its application for community health centre funding for the second floor of the Hyland Crest/emergency facility.

"If we sit tight for a month or two we may get some good news," Jack Brezina said about the Minden application.



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to pay. The province would contribute \$10.35 per patient day for the next 20 years based on the estimate that each new long-term care bed would cost \$75,000. Charron said recent figures indicate the real cost is \$100,000 per bed.

In order for a stand-alone unit to be efficient, there should be at least 64 beds, with 96 beds being the ideal.

With \$1-million more to raise to pay for the recently completed expansion project, some people fear there would be donor burnout if more a lot money had to be

their new home.

The board should also continue seeking out private partners who may be able to contribute.

Extendicare was consulted by the task force in reference to the third phase funding application, but Extendicare said it is not at present interested in partnering with HHHS. "They are already looking at seven other proposals," Charron said.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey agreed the board needed more accurate information before it goes ahead with determining

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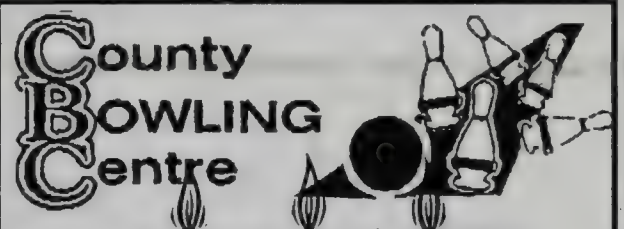
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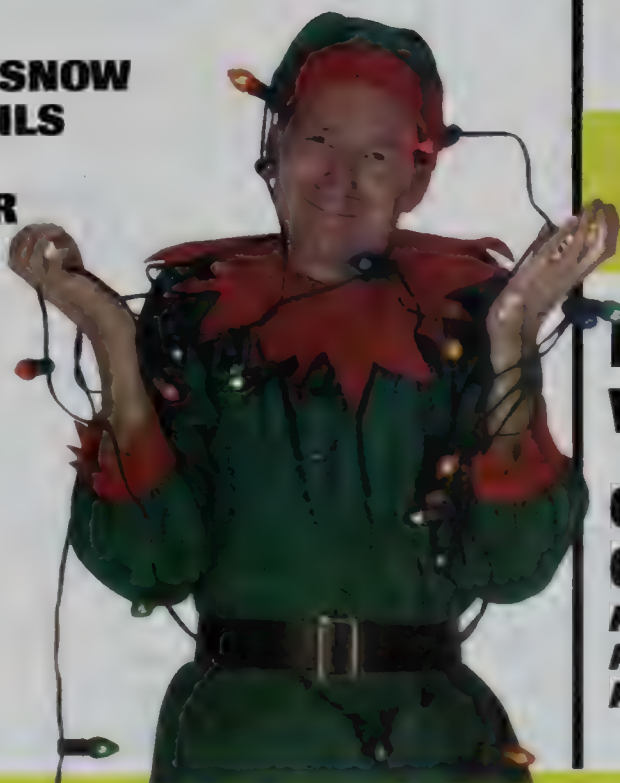
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Crime drops significantly in Stanhope Township

ERIK MARTENSSON

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from the Stanhope Council meeting of December 13.

Crime down

Detachment Commander Sergeant Bob Walli of the Haliburton Highlands OPP was on hand to tell council that crime has dropped significantly in the municipality of Stanhope as well as across the detachment area.

Year to date statistics show that overall crime is down 17 per cent in Stanhope, dropping from 347 incidents down to 288. Property crime is down 35 per cent with break and enters falling 42 per cent from 52 incidents down to 30 incidents.

Walli said there were many reasons for the reductions. He highlighted the positive contributions and raised awareness of the community and groups such as Cottage Watch, the various lake associations and the community policing association. Walli also proudly noted the success of the OPP's break and enter squad and the increased visibility of the police in general.

Walli also explained that the increase in drug and driving offences is not indicative of a problem but is instead a reflection of more proactive policing.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison agreed that the OPP is being more active and credited the stand-alone detachment for some of the progress in halting crime.

Councillor Ann Barker asked Walli if more work was going to be done with drug prevention at the high school level.

Walli agreed that there is some drug use at the school and stated it would be naive to believe that students aren't able to solicit drugs at the only high school in the county.

"When you have 600 to 700 kids in a school it's going to be accessible," he said.

Walli said the OPP would like to have more drug education at the school but noted that the force is making a large time commitment to educating at the elementary school level.

Councillor Jim Hicks asked for an update on the new ATV regulations that are expected to come into place in the near future.

Walli replied that the OPP has not received any information on the regulations at this time, but said they were also very curious as to what they will be.

"We're led to believe they will be similar to snowmobiles," said Walli, indicating that he thinks ATVs may be permitted on certain roadways.

He explained that the detachment will have two ATVs in the spring to help with policing of the vehicles that are gaining in popularity.

Walli also informed council that it is unlikely there will be any staffing changes at the detachment at this time.

"I don't think you'll see any changes because the county won't allow it. I think it would be quite a fight," said Harrison.

Stanhope Clerk Gerald Bain questioned whether the county may have to pay more in the future to maintain the current staffing levels with the continuing reduction in crime.

"I think the taxpayer will have to ask how much are we prepared for crime prevention," said Deputy Reeve Murray Daniels.

"I think we already showed that we're prepared to pay and it's worked," added Councillor Tom Gardner.

Septic re-inspection tax levy

Sherborne et al council is requesting the new municipality to impose a special tax levy over the next four years to collect \$18 per year from each improved property within the geographic townships of

Sherborne, McClintok, Livingstone, Lawrence and Nightingale to pay for the septic system reinspection program initiated by the townships.

Bain noted that the levies would not create an administrative problem for the new municipality.

Sherborne et al has already entered into a contract with BOS Engineering for a period of four years to provide contract services for sewage system re-inspections for systems under the jurisdiction of the Ontario Building Code.

Fire Department

Fire Department Chief John Hogg informed council that the fire association has raised \$8,000 to \$9,000 for rescue equipment. High on the department's wish list is an airbag system that is capable of lifting a large amount of weight.

Hogg noted that the Stanhope would be the only department in the county to have such a system.

"I think it's certainly a good idea," he said of the potential purchase.

Hogg also informed council that plans

are moving ahead with the Red Cross Disaster Initiative. The initiative would set up a system of volunteers to provide clothing and shelter in the event of a disaster in the county. Hogg said the system, which is independent from the county's fire departments, would hopefully be in place by March.

Thank yous

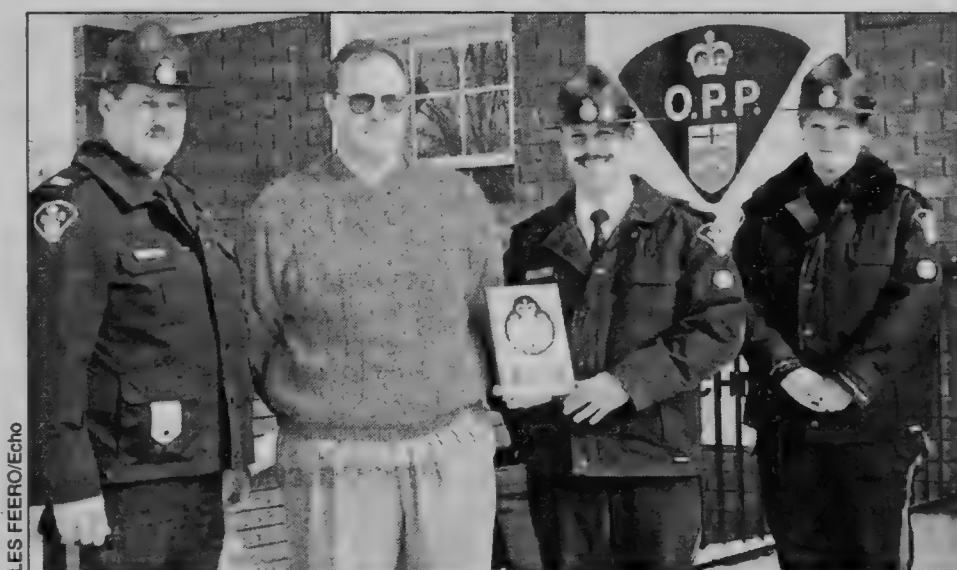
As it was the last regularly scheduled Stanhope Council meeting before amalgamation, Reeve Eleanor Harrison thanked the staff and outgoing council for the contributions they made to the municipality.

"I just think it's been a great term," said Harrison. "I've enjoyed working with each one of you individually and as a council at this table."

Harrison also gave special thanks and a commemorative plaque to Deputy Reeve Murray Daniels who is retiring from municipal politics.

"The shoes being left by this deputy are going to be hard to fill," said Harrison.

"It's certainly been a pleasure serving under your leadership," replied Daniels.



The Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment was honoured recently as the third most efficient police detachment out of 14 in the region. Left to right Sergeant Dave Fletcher, Detective Sergeant Kelly Anderson, Staff Sergeant and Detachment Commander Bob Walli and Community Relations Officer Laura Ostler display the plaque the force was presented with to commemorate the achievement. The Detachment reduced automobile theft by eight per cent and property crime by 22 per cent with increased visibility, the hard work of the break and enter squad and the help of the community.

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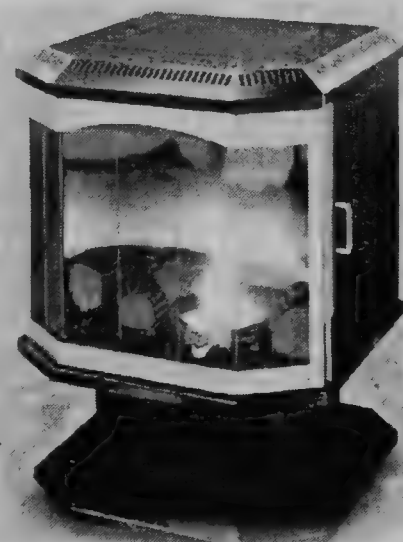
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The end of an era in Monmouth

Kerry Riley

Special to The Echo

The following are brief excerpts of discussions held during the December 11 Monmouth council meeting.

Monmouth council convened for a regularly scheduled meeting, for the last time ever, on December 11. While there will be one other meeting on December 29 (at 2:00 pm) to clear up outstanding accounts, etc., for all intents and purposes, the adjournment of Monday's meeting marked the conclusion of the township's role as a public entity.

Representative Gary Stoughton will take his place as a member of the new Highlands East Township council, in the new year.

Crime down

Sergeant Dave Fletcher of the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment, advised council that although they were two-thirds of the way through their fiscal year, the detachment had used up only 30 percent of the budgeted overtime for 2000.

Statistics (current to December 8) were down, as well, for overall crime rates in Monmouth.

Violent crimes, property crimes and drug related offences were all sharply down compared to previous years. Driving offences, however, had increased.

Sergeant Fletcher suggested that the increase in driving offences might be the result of police having more time, because of the county-wide reduction in the crime rate, for pro-active policing activities such as RIDE programs, and traffic surveillance.

Bridge report pinpoints concerns

A recent report on Monmouth's bridges, submitted by consultants Lycotech Inc., indicated two potential trouble spots. Recommended weight restrictions of 5 tonnes for the Dillman Bridge and 15 tonnes for the South



The last Monmouth Council; Jim Deterling, Rick Forget, Deputy Clerk Beryl Rutter, Keith Tallman, Gary Stoughton and Hilda Clark.

Wilberforce Road bridge, could present problems for roads department trucks, and interfere with snow removal operations.

Roads Superintendent Barry Dunford also expressed some concern that the bridges would prove too narrow for the addition of girders, also recommended in the report.

Surplus assigned

Council passed a resolution directing the 2000 budgetary surplus, should one exist, towards the cost of erecting village signs in Wilberforce and Tory Hill, and the development of walking trails in Wilberforce.

Millennium committee

Millennium Committee representative Kathy Rogers reported that with the installation of the playground equipment in both the Tory Hill and Lloyd Watson Centre parks, the committee had only the New Year's celebrations left on its agenda.

Reeve Keith Tallman noted that he had

received some disgruntled comments from ratepayers about the cost (approximately \$20,000) of the two structures.

"That's the cost of it today," replied Deputy Reeve Rick Forget. "Maybe it would have been cheaper if we'd done it 10 years ago, but we didn't."

"There aren't many townships who don't have something for the kids," he added.

Kathy Rogers noted that there were also tables and benches which will be installed in the spring.

Tallman, seconded by all members of Council, congratulated Rogers on the

work of the Millennium Committee. "It's amazing what they've raised," he observed.

Odds and Ends

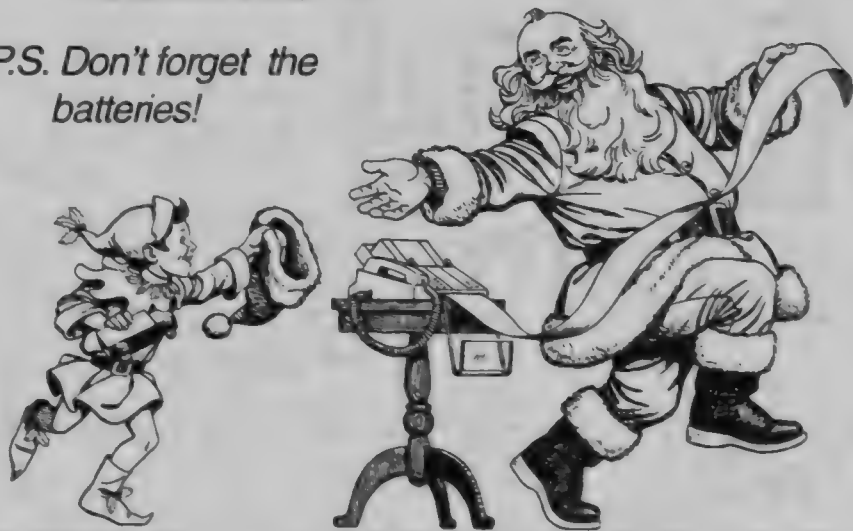
- Council passed a resolution allowing the Paudash Trailblazers Snowmobile Club to use various township lands, with the proviso that club wardens not enforce club rules on township property.

- Council resolved to move forward with an application to allow re-assignment of abandoned interment rights at the South Wilberforce cemetery.

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Dysart first to swear in new council

ERIK MARTENSSON

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from the Dysart et al council meeting of December 11.

There was only one unfamiliar face at the table as the new council of Dysart et al took their oath of office last week.

Reeve Murray Fearrey welcomed back the returning members of council and new councillor Jerry Walker by reminding them that they are elected by ward but must serve the whole municipality.

Fearrey also highlighted some of the important issues the council must deal with over the next term.

"We have to build and mend fences and work hard to achieve what this community needs," said Fearrey.

In addition to revitalizing downtown Haliburton and completing the Sir Sandford Fleming College project, Fearrey noted council will have to plan for the large amount of growth expected as more and more people will be retiring in the Highlands in the future. He stressed the need to be "proactive rather than reactive" in providing the services such as healthcare that will be needed.

Fearrey also strongly addressed the need to find a solution for the municipality's pending waste management problem.

"We're in serious trouble," said Fearrey. "We'd do well to get five to 10 years out of the [Haliburton] site."

Fearrey said the municipality will continue to look at alternatives including the Eco Waste Oxidizer but should also encourage local solutions such as more recycling, composting and possibly a clear garbage bag system.

He also noted whichever solution council chooses, it will increase the municipality's expenses.

"It will cost a lot of money but we have to do it. We can't hold the tax line and handle the problem."

Dover Spring

Although the latest tests from Dover Spring show the

water is satisfactory for drinking, council may have to change how the spring is handled.

The Health Unit is reminding the municipality that the current weekly testing is unsuitable as conditions may change from day to day and that they won't be doing testing at the spring in the future.

The municipality has posted a sign at the spring warning the public that the water may not be safe to drink but they are still liable and may have to alter how the spring is dealt with.

"I hate to close it," said Fearrey. "But at the same time I don't want someone to get sick."

Vote by Mail

The municipality has received some complaints regarding the mail-in voting system that was used for the recent municipal elections.

Due to errors some people did not receive a ballot while others simply missed the traditional process of manually voting on election day.

"Otherwise I think people generally accepted the mail-in vote," said Fearrey.

Voter turnout in the election rose to 34 per cent compared to 19 per cent in the last election.

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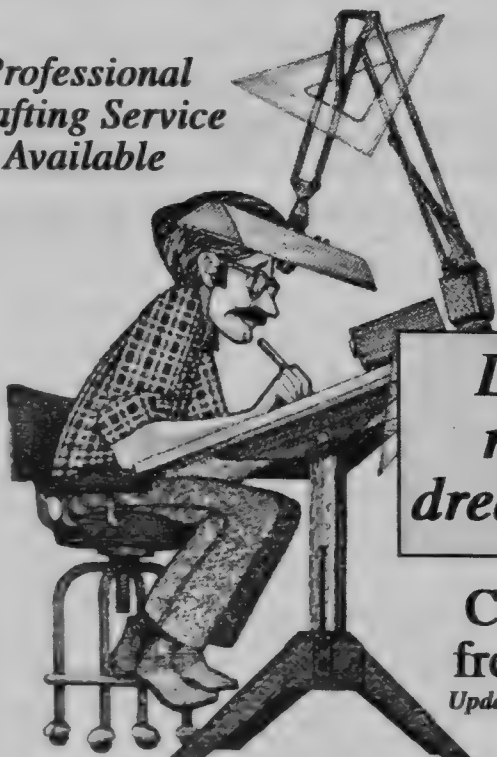
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Minden Water Works receives order to comply

ERIC MARTENSSON

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from the Anson, Hindon & Minden council meeting of December 14.

As a result of an inspection of the Minden Water Works in June and a subsequent review, the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) has determined that several conditions of the municipality's Permit to Take Water and Certificate of Approval are not being met.

The municipality has received an order to comply from the MOE with regards to the Water Works on December 13 and have a deadline of February 28 to comply.

Public Works Superintendent Clayton Cameron felt that it was very important that council be notified of the order to comply and brought it to their attention the same day the letter was received.

"I still believe we have a good system," said Cameron, highlighting the four conditions the municipality must meet before the February deadline. "I don't think there is anything that would prevent us from complying."

To meet the first condition the municipality must commence measuring and recording the static water level in the observation well known as TW3/61 and the "laundry well" (just off Bobcaygeon Road where the laundromat used to be) each week. The purpose of the tests is to monitor the effect the municipal wells may have on the

water aquifer.

The second work order requires the municipality to conduct a performance test of Well #3 to evaluate the well yield and the need for rehabilitation and submit a report to the MOE indicating the findings of the performance test. Cameron said the municipality is in the process of putting together a plan to accomplish the task.

The municipality is obligated to retain a licensed well technician to properly abandon Well #2 in order to meet the third condition. Cameron said the MOE could not locate the well but that the municipality would be able to properly abandon the well as soon as it is found.

The last work order requires the submission of analytical results from the water system to the MOE on a regular basis. Cameron said ACQUA, the organization that does water testing for the municipality, has already submitted the results and will continue to do so on a weekly basis.

"I don't think they are major infractions but yet there is a problem and they will be addressed as soon as possible," said Cameron.

Rate Increase

Property owners who use the water system in the town of Minden can likely expect to see an increase in their rates next year.

Because of the new water regulations the province has enacted in the wake of the Walkerton tragedy, the Minden Water Works will have increased operating costs that will probably filter

down to the user.

Cameron believes \$12,680 will be added to the price of operating the water system yearly and noted that \$15,000 to \$18,000 has been spent on upgrades to the system since the new water regulations came into effect.

Part of the large increase is due to the necessity of an expensive test to look for organics and volatiles. The test will now be performed four times a year rather than once every three to five years.

Thank yous

As it was the last regularly scheduled Anson, Hindon and Minden council meeting before amalgamation, council members took turns thanking each other and noting the pleasant experience they had serving the public.

"I just wanted to say it's been a pleasure working with all of you," said Councillor Grant Plooard.

"I think it's been a terrific term for us," added Reeve Jeanne Anthon.

"I've enjoyed the nine years," Deputy Reeve Jerry Rome of his time on council. "It's been a tremendous experience."

Councillor Daryl Moore noted the hard work of the municipality's staff and fellow council members.

"I think it's been a really good experience."

"The six months I've been here I thoroughly enjoyed it," said Councillor Bill Obee who will also serve as a Minden Hills Council member. "I hope the new council can get along as well as this one."

Murdoch among retiring trustees honoured

The service of trustees who are completing their terms of office was recognized at a recent Trillium Lakelands District School Board meeting in Minden. Presentations were made to Cheryl Murdoch, Sharon Summers and Roger Chamberlain.

Murdoch, who represented Haliburton County on the board, was a trustee for 22 years. Sharon Summers represented the northwest portion of Victoria County where she was a trustee for 15 years, while Roger Chamberlain represented the Gravenhurst, Georgian Bay and Muskoka Lakes area for 16 years. Trustee Reid Scott, who was not in attendance at the meeting, served one term as the trustee for the Fenelon Falls area of Victoria County.

"These people brought a great deal of commitment and insight to their work as trustees," says Judy Saunders, chair of the board.

"They have 53 combined years of service as trustees - that's a lot of experience that's leaving us. We'll miss them."

Each retiring trustee was presented with a commemorative pen and their nameplate as a parting gift.

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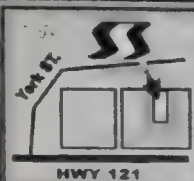
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Sounds of Joy

During Saturday's rehearsal for Sunday's sold out concert at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Lorelyn Morgan directs a massed choir composed of the Haliburton County Children's Choir, the Haliburton County Children's Chamber Choir (both of which she directs with Lauren McInnes), the Haliburton County Youth Choir and the Jubilate Chamber Singers. Weeks of rehearsal were certainly apparent as the audience was entertained and delighted with the music.

Now that Hyland Crest part of HHHS, another union vote between CUPE and SEIU needed

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Thursday night's meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

Now that the HHHS officially owns Hyland Crest, it will have to continue working towards its goal of having only one union represent all staff except

Registered Nurses.

The staff at Hyland Crest is represented by CUPE.

Staff at the Haliburton Hospital, the new long-term care unit and supportive housing recently voted in having the Service Employees International Union represent them. (Registered nurses will continue to be with their own, separate union.)

Hyland Crest staff were not part of the November 28 vote in

Haliburton on whether to be part of SEIU or CUPE because the HHHS did not own the facility at the time. (It reached the final agreement with the county last week.)

Loucks expects the need for a second vote, this time including staff in both Minden and Haliburton.

Quality of care

Loucks and Lynn Johnston of

the Haliburton Hospital have provided the board with an overview of what is currently being done to ensure quality of care standards are being met.

"They gave us a certain level of certainty that we're doing a number of things that are right," reported Don DeMaio.

In the future they will give regular reports of different areas of care. A computer program will be set up to make this task easier.

Maurice Smith said such information will be vital when the board applies for accreditation.

HHHS Foundation

Manager Dale Walker was pleased to report that the HHHS Foundation has topped \$4.2-million in pledges and donations.

This year's Light the Trees Christmas donation drive has already brought in \$17,000. The goal is \$40,000.



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Tykes win back and forth matchup

by Nanci Hunter

The Minor Tyke Huskies hosted the Bobcaygeon Cougars Sunday, Dec. 17, the only team carried over from round 1 that the Huskies will meet up with in round 2.

It was like a tennis match on ice as the heads would look left then right then left again.

The Cougars took the lead in the middle of the first and the Huskies tried hard to even the score as Dalton Morrison and Jonathon Salvatori each took their turns shooting at the net. Ryan Hunter has been watching too much NHL and after the first period was over, held up the face off as he escorted his goalie to the other end and looked at the refs wondering why they were so quick to drop the puck when the goalies had not officially switched ends.

It didn't confuse the Cougars though as they scored quickly in the second. Not to be deterred, the Huskies rallied together and put those passing skills in play. Dalton figured if he couldn't score, he'd assist Brett Yake in getting the first goal. The boys were set to tie it up as Marc Dobie deked out the goalie and put one in the corner pocket.

With only 30 seconds left in the second,

Marlee Gadway passed it out in front to Ryan and Dillon Upton. There was scuffle by the Cougars to get the puck out but with both sticks on the puck, Ryan and Dillon both put the puck in. Now that's teamwork!

With pure drive and devotion, the Huskies put all they learned into play and within two minutes scored four more goals, one each by Marc, Samantha, Ryan and Brett. Assisting in those goals were Rob Lewis, Dillon and Marc.

Cole Rowden suited up this time. He felt a little rusty at first when the first two got past him but he wasn't going to let then get another one by and proved his point by staying on guard and keeping his eye on the puck.

Thanks to Rowden Construction and Curry Motors for sponsoring this team of enthusiastic players. Great coaching by Ron Yake, Don Lewis and Bernie Upton has got the kids eager to put their skills into play. The passing skills are improving greatly as we see the kids look before passing and the defensive skills are still going strong.

With a three week break from games, the Huskies will be raring to go when they host Woodville on Jan. 7 at 11:30.

Novice A's notch two wins, tie

by Sherrill Sherwood

The Husky Novice A team played three challenging games on the weekend, starting December 15 in Bobcaygeon.

Play was from one end and back again almost continuously. J.L. Frybort physically held off a Bobcaygeon player on a breakaway in the second period to help keep it a scoreless game into the third period. Cole Scheffee put Haliburton on the board first following a nice pass from C.J. Clarkson.

Bobcaygeon answered back with 3:37 left to tie it up.

Action stepped up even further and great play from Haliburton culminated in a go-ahead goal by Scott Griffith. A glove save by goalie Nathan Woodcock at two seconds left ensured the Huskies win at 2-1.

This reporter missed what sounds like one of the A's most exciting games of the season on December 16 in Newcastle. The home team is known to be a formidable opponent and with the Huskies three players short, tension was high. Although there were close calls on both sides, this was another game that went scoreless into the third period. With only two players on the bench, dog tired Huskies looking for a rest had to be waved back on where they continued the good fight.

Newcastle scored at 4:03 left. Brady Yavis put one in on a powerplay to make it a tie game, where it stayed.

The 1-1 score was an outstanding accomplishment for the undermanned Huskies.

Haliburton stayed home on December 17, with Millbrook as their guests. Knowing this was another hard team to beat, the Huskies came on strong. Jay Winfield's goal in the second period kept the A's in the lead until just into the third period, when Millbrook scored. Hard work and good positioning by Cole Scheffee was rewarded when he flicked the puck to the side of the goalie and in. His jumps for joy reflected the feelings of the Husky fans throughout the arena.

Nathan Woodcock's huge save at eleven seconds left put the icing on the victory cake for the elated Haliburton boys in their 2-1 win.

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Husky pups, aka the Mighty Mites, put on pass, shoot and score clinic

by WADE MACINNES

Good Morning!! and welcome to Hockey Town Central Ontario, home of your Haliburton Huskie Mighty Mite Team, sponsored by the I.G.A. and Churko Furniture. These little rippers improved their season record to 3-0-0 with a convincing 11-3 waxing of the Manvers Mustangs Sunday morning at the local shrine. The fans were out in droves and they weren't disappointed as the Huskie Pups put on a clinic in skating, shooting, passing, checking, goaltending and downright Canadian gump-tion!!

The blue and white onslaught saw rookies Nate Feir and Connor Holowachuk get some great scoring chances in close but were denied by some awesome Mustang goaltending.

Two minutes into the game Liam Wilcox opened up the scoring for

Haliburton with his first of the season assisted by Connor Holowachuk and Tiger Stoughton. After Liam's goal the flood gates opened with the Huskies hitting pay dirt 10 more times while the Mustangs replied with three.

Hockey being a team game it was great

The Huskie Mites are a hungry gang, getting balanced scoring points from vets and rookies alike

to see every player contributing offensively and defensively. Rookie Nick Hunter thwarted a Mustang break-a-way with some beauty back checking and Donovan MacInnes downed the Manvers sniper big number 14 with a solid check.

The Huskie Mites are a hungry gang, getting balanced scoring points from vets and rookies alike. In this game goals

came from Zach Boice, Stew Chaulk, Liam Wilcox, Nick Hunter and Tyler Barry. Multiple assists were notched by Doni MacInnes, Riley Tait, Nate Feir, Tyler Stoughton, Connor Holowachuk and Jake Sisson. Great teamwork lads!

After the game I heard a Manvers parent conversing about how good the little Haliburton team passed the puck. Great coaching Barry, Dean and Brad! The boys in three games have outscored their opponents 43-4 (wicked!!)

The Mighty Mites are off on a two-game road trip over the holidays and return home on Sunday Jan. 7 at 10:30 a.m. to tangle with the Bobcaygeon Cougars.

From the Haliburton Mite Club, have a safe and Happy Holiday!

P.S. Santa, could you please bring Nate a new stick for Christmas. He's been Good!

Husky Home Game Schedule

December 19, Bantam vs Manvers, 7:15
 December 19, Midget vs Omamee, 8:45
 December 22, Atom B vs Minden, 6:00
 December 22, Atom vs Beaverton, 7:00
 December 22, PeeWee vs Ops, 8:30
 December 27, Novice vs Beaverton, 6:00
 December 29, Novice B vs Bobcaygeon, 5:00
 December 29, PeeWee vs Fenelon Falls, 8:30

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January 5, Atom vs Omamee, 7:00
 January 5, PeeWee vs Minden, 8:30
 January 7, Mite vs Bobcaygeon, 10:30
 January 7, Minor Tyke vs Woodville, 11:30
 January 7, Major Tyke vs Bobcaygeon, 12:30
 January 7, Novice vs. Bobcaygeon, 3:00

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Atom A team 'True Blue through and through'

By PATTI TALLMAN

The Gary Burtch Construction / Valu Mart Atom A team has been very busy over the last couple of weeks playing some very exciting hockey. The coaching staff pumped them up and out on the ice they made them and the parents cheer with good heads up plays.

On Dec. 8 they met at home with Ennismore for their second exhibition game and proved again to be pretty evenly matched. Ennismore dominated some of the plays and had some real challenges but the Huskies kept up the good work and never backed down. The final score tied again 4-4.

They were on the road again on Dec. 10, travelling to Omemee. The shots on goal were evenly matched 19-19 at the end of the game, leaving a final score 5-4 for Omemee.

Back home on Dec. 15 the Atom A's hosted Minden for some fun town hockey. The plays were end to end with lots of dominating plays from the Huskies. Some good rushes and excellent defen-

sive plays kept the puck away from goalie Ian Sachs. Keep up the good work Ian. The final score was 4-1 for Haliburton.

The Huskies travelled to Bancroft for a three game tournament on Dec. 16 meeting some good competition and proving they will stick together as a team with key plays from each team player.

The first game was against Bancroft and the second was against Duoro and they played for the B Championship losing to Oshawa. The team worked extra hard all day coming up with many key plays, many defensive plays and many rushes with lots of solid back and fore checking. Way to shake'em up guys, keep up the good work.

The coaching staff, Dan Ambridge, Ted Vasey, Debbie Watson, Jim Winn, Scott Watson and Brian Sachs have taught this team what it takes to play a great game of hockey. The team, Ian Sachs, Daniel Paul, Jesse Tallman, Mitch Vasey, Kenton Winn, Ryan Scheffee, Dallyn Smith, Steven Miscio, Max Ambridge, Devin Hunter and Tyler Watson have

provided us all with some awesome heads up, offensive and defensive persistence, each having scored and assisted on many goals over the last couple of weeks. They have worked really hard for their coaches and have made the staff and the parents very proud to be together as a

great team.

We will see you this week in Minden on Tuesday night and home again on Friday night at 7:00 p.m.

I hope all the Huskies and their families have a safe and happy Christmas and wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Minden PeeWees outscore Huskies

by ROY BURK

December 12 was the OMHA PeeWees' last away game of the scheduled year and was played in Minden. There was a lot of speculation on both sides as to the outcome. By the end of the second period, it had been decided as the Monarchs had a 3-1 lead. Although Huskies dominated the play, they just couldn't find the back of the net enough times. Tim Pettitt scored the Huskies' only goal, with assist going to Kevin Crofts and Justin Abbs.

The third period was more of a tie as far as scoring chances go, but Minden banged in one more from the scramble in front of the net. The Monarchs won 4-1.

Friday the 15th had the PeeWees home against Manvers who had previ-

ously beat them 4-1. The boys came out looking for revenge and had a 3-1 lead before the first period was over. All three goals came from Jesse Johnson's stick. Jonathan Sharpley, Galen Bowman and Justin got assists on these goals.

The second period started off with the Huskies dominating the play but before it ended, we were short two players, one by a penalty and another by injury. Hope you're okay, Tim. This really affected our play because the lines became muddled and the Mustangs came back and won the game 4-3. I'm sure the boys learned two lessons through this defeat. You have to skate hard for three periods and keep your head in the game. Better luck next Friday.

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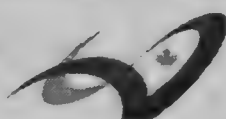


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- The countless volunteers who helped in so many ways during the campaign. Your hard work, long hours, inspiration and personal effort are greatly appreciated.

As the Official Opposition, the Canadian Alliance will ensure the voices of all Canadians are heard and respected in the next Parliament. We will not allow John O'Reilly and the Liberals to coast through their next term and we intend to be a strong and vocal opposition locally. We remain committed to our vision of achieving a rising standard of living and a higher quality of life in safe, healthy communities across Canada. The Riding Association is here to serve you.

Seasons greetings to everyone in Haliburton-Victoria-Brock. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Mark Wood, Riding Association President



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Nordic ski trails expanded, improved

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Yahoooooooo! There was more than a little bit of glee on the faces of skiers this week. After six months of rock picking, brush cutting and preparations we were treated to a huge dump of snow. Now comes the payoff: skiing.

We tell our children that merely purchasing something or having it bought for you are hollow pleasures. There's more pleasure when something is earned. So it is with skiing. Volunteers create and maintain the trails with sweat and scarred knuckles, so the first truly good ski is an awesome thing.

Our club has access to more trail this year, due mainly to the efforts of our members. The Jim Beef trail will be in operation again this year. Thanks go to Mike Darlington for getting the permission to use it and Wes Lytle for freezing his behind next to the bulldozer.

Ralph Mintz, Ron Earle, Glen Scully, Jim Milne, Don Finigan, Gary and Pat

Collins, Margaret and Peter Brogden have variously worked on culverts on the Jim Beef and Lakeview, shifting rocks and filling in around rocks on the Lakeview Trail. This group is responsible for refurbishing the Lakeview Motel to Glebe Park route, which should be a really popular tour route this winter.

Also, Lee Blair kindly bulldozed a section of trail on his land near the Pinestone, so we all owe him our thanks once again. He has been a great supporter of the club for over 25 years, and he is one of our kindest and most cooperative landowners.

Adult lessons are a hot topic among

The club will present a free lesson on Saturday Dec. 30 to help members make the most of their winter.

new members, and the club will present a free lesson on Saturday Dec 30 to help members make the most of their winter. Meet at the Glebe Park club house at 10. This lesson is a great way to brush up on the basics or to acquire new skills, and

we'll cover both classic and skating techniques in separate groups. Beginners are welcome, but you must be a club member.

If you are not currently a ski club member, then you're missing out on a whole lot of fun and the best deal on skiing in the free world. A season pass is a ridiculously cheap \$60, or \$110 for the whole family. Call 448-3954 for more information from Pat Cummings, our ever eager membership secretary.

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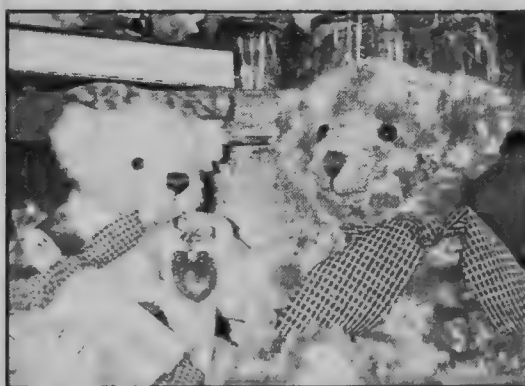
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Stanhope says THANKS

*Volunteer Ross Vincent named
Citizen of the Year*

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

LAST WEEK, Ross Vincent's horoscope said "you are in the limelight... Try to say anchored in reality rather than flowing with fairy tales."

Well, the heavens got it half right.

The 80-year-old Kennisis River resident is definitely in the limelight now that he's been chosen as Stanhope's Citizen of the Year, a person who "has given unselfishly of his time and talent towards the betterment of the community in the spirit of good neighbourliness."

But as a former member of a World War II air force bombing crew, Vincent is a remarkably grounded person. There's no danger of him "flowing with fairy tales" as he accepts the community's congratulations and best wishes.

"I don't really give it too much thought," he says from his home on the Big Hawk Lake Road.

Vincent is one of those people his neighbour Anne McCrae calls "the quiet volunteers." He very quietly goes about his way helping the people of his

beloved municipality and community, but most of his work is done behind the scenes without much fanfare.

At the municipality, he's been a volunteer parks and recreation committee member and at one point ran the regular bingos. He volunteers his handyman talents at the museum, helping to make sure the old council chamber continues to be such a place of pride. And at present, he's the acting president of the seniors' club.

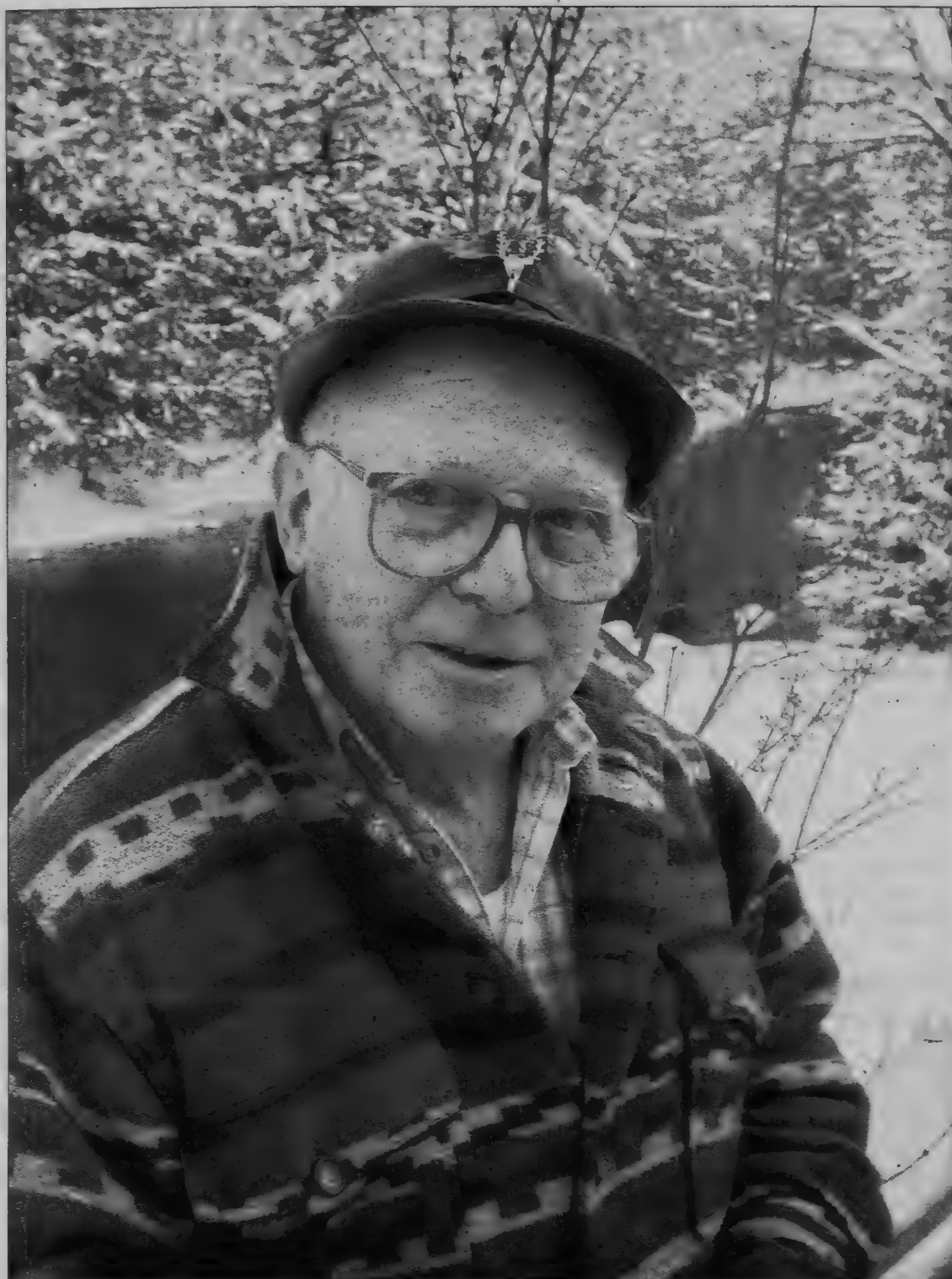
On the county level, he's a volunteer driver with three agencies: the Cancer Society, Home Support and Family Services. On average, he's on the road twice a week, sometimes taking his passengers to appointments in as far away places as Kingston.

As his doctor will tell you, not to mention anyone who meets him, he's in very good shape for someone in his ninth decade, and keeping busy helps him make sure he stays that way.

He first got involved with volunteer activities after seeing an ad from Stanhope inviting people to sit on any of its volunteer committees.

Although he and his wife Gladys had moved her to enjoy

ERIK MARTENSSON/Echo



Since his first visit in 1936, Ross Vincent has been captivated by the beauty of Stanhope. When he retired to the Kennisis River after decades as a cottager, he became very involved as a volunteer

the peacefulness of Highlands life, he quickly discovered "I was at sixes and sevens" with so much free time on his hands. So he went to the Stanhope municipal office and talked with administrator Gerald Bain, who signed him up with the rec committee. The volunteer driving followed next, because as everyone in the Highlands knows, once you let it be known you're willing to volunteer, groups can keep you busier than you'd ever imagine.

But Vincent isn't complaining about his busy schedule. In fact, he doesn't know what he'd do without his "little black book" filled with volunteer assignments, especially now that he's alone. Gladys died of cancer in 1993, and "with my wife gone, it gets lonely. I break up the monotony with driving and maintenance at the museum."

When he talks about the moment he first laid eyes on Gladys - one night in London, England, when the city was draped in darkness to protect itself from German bomber planes - the years melt away.

He was on leave, and as usual, was spending it with his other bomber crew members.

"We played together, we lived together and we went on leave together," he explains.

On this night, they were on what could politely be called a pub crawl.

"We came up from the Underground and as we came up to street level, we saw this lone girl standing there. As we went out through the doors I could see she was wearing a (Canadian Women Army Corps) uniform. We got around

to her a bit, talking with her," he remembers, smiling.

Not knowing if she was waiting for someone, they didn't invite her to come along on their pub crawl, but they did tell her that if her friend didn't show up, they'd be at the closest pub and she'd be welcome to join them.

An hour and a half later, it was her turn to come in through the door of the pub, and the rest is romantic history. Ross and Gladys were married in London in February of 1945.

It was a long route which had taken the two Canadians to that London street.

Gladys's mother had been a World War I war bride and immigrated to the Rideau valley to join her new Canadian husband. Sadly, "it turned out alcohol got the best of him so she packed up the two children and took them back to England in 1936," Vincent says. It was the last time Gladys saw her father, which was her preference.

Once in England, however, Gladys found that her lack of an English accent identified her as-



Ross Vincent, bottom row at right, poses with his fellow Canadian Air Force bomber crew, most of whom have passed away. He was with his friends one night on leave when he met his bride.

War takes Vincent away from home but leads to a new life with bride he meets in London

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"a colonial" and she never really felt accepted by her new homeland. So when war broke out and the CWACs came to England, she signed up with the Canadian corps rather than a British one.

Her husband-to-be was born and raised in Scarborough. Becoming a young man in the "Dirty Thirties" meant he began earning his own living at an early age. In 1937, "just a kid really," he was part of a construction gang when one of his fellow builders invited the rest of them up to this place called Haliburton for a weekend.

They packed into a Model A Ford and took the dirt road north. "Several flat tires later," they arrived at a cottage on what Vincent believes is St. Nora's Lake.

"I never got over the serenity of the place, the cleanliness, the quiet," he says.

In 1939, he signed up with the Canadian Air Force and was eventually sent overseas. At 21, he was the oldest member of his bomber crew. A few missions later, he felt even older than that.

"I learned how to survive, or I should say I was lucky to survive," he says of his war experience. "When we were in combat, it was one day at a time. You could be here today and tomorrow you could be in the ground."

"A lot of the life on an air crew was days and weeks of absolute boredom interspersed with moments of sheer terror."

Hence the pub crawls while on leave.

Meeting Gladys that one night was his most memorable leave, but there was also the time he and his four friends were walking abreast down a street in London. Coming towards them were five French men, also walking abreast. When the French didn't follow the custom of breaking into two columns to let the others pass, the Canadians decided to follow suit, and the two groups met chest to chest. There was a bit of a scuffle and at least one of the French men landed on the ground. It turns out it was a man called Charles De Gaulle, the leader of the Free French Movement and later the French president.

In July of 1945, Vincent was given a 30-day leave in Canada. Victory over Europe had been declared, but

there was still a war going on in the Pacific and he was expected to continue training the new flying crews. While Gladys had to stay behind in London, he went home to Scarborough, his first time with his family in five years.

"It was riotous," he says of the welcome he received.

Shortly into his leave, his brother invited him up to his brother's cottage on Maple Lake. It was idyllic, even better than he had remembered it from his 1936 trip.

"It was wonderful, just wonderful," he says.

After five years of war, what he loved the most was the silence, silence he hadn't enjoyed until VE day when "the war was off, the airplanes were immobilized" and the ever-constant rumbling of machines was no more.

The silence of Haliburton was just as blissful. "You could hear the silence, feel it."

His leave over, he was sent to a base in Nova Scotia, the province where he had received his own training. But a few weeks later, the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the war in the Pacific was over, too.

Now what was he going to do with the rest of his life, especially now that he was a married man?

Before the war he had started to apprentice as a plumber and he decided to stay in the trade. (Later he'd own his own business.) Gladys, who had apprenticed as a hairdresser, put that career on hold when she was raising their two children.

The biggest decision they had to make was where to live. Ross would have easily hung his shingle in Haliburton but Gladys would have nothing to do with it. Her memories of small town life on the Rideau River were not pleasant, and having had a taste of London life, "if she was two blocks off Yonge Street she thought she was in the boonies."

Given the choice between Haliburton and his wife, Ross stayed with his wife in the city. But by 1950, he had worked hard enough to save some money for "a piece of ground" on Hawk Lake "and I've been paying taxes in Stanhope ever since."

When the cottage was built, they'd come up as often as possible. In the summer, his mother and Gladys's mother, who were living with them, would move to the



Ross and Gladys Vincent married in England in 1945. He was with the Canadian air force and she was with the Canadian Women Army Corps.

cottage and stay there with the children. Today, one of them has his own cottage on Welch Lake.

Four decades after Ross had made a compromise with his wife to live in the city, it was her turn to make a compromise with his desire to live in Haliburton. The cottage sold, they bought a house on the Kennisis River and retired here.

Vincent has never regretted his decision to live here. He's as struck by the Highlands' beauty today as he was back in 1936. But the view of the river can't keep him company, which is why he welcomes the opportunity to volunteer. And it's because he gets so much satisfaction and pleasure from volunteering that he's modest about being honoured as Citizen of the Year.

"It keeps me active," he says, and keeping active keeps him young. He waited a long time to live here, so he wants to make sure he can live here for a long time.



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2000 "Light The Trees"

For the third year the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation decorates trees with lights sponsored by donations from the Community. So far this campaign has raised \$9,880.00. This year proceeds will go towards the building projects and equipment purchases for the Haliburton Hospital Site and Minden Hyland Crest Site. We would like to thank the following who have made a contribution to the 2000 "Light The Trees".

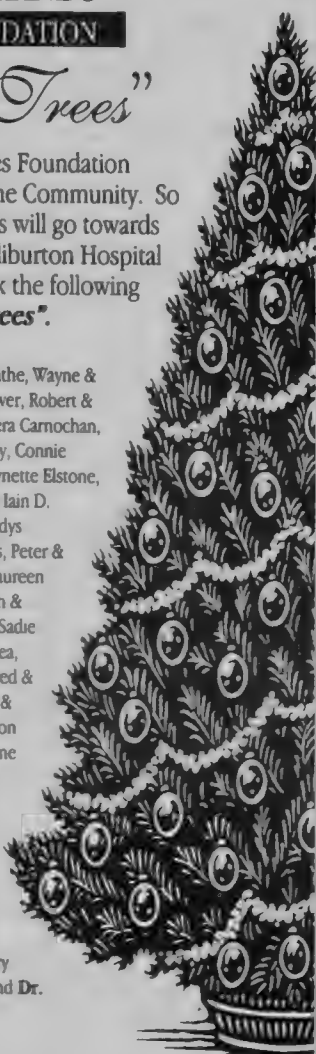
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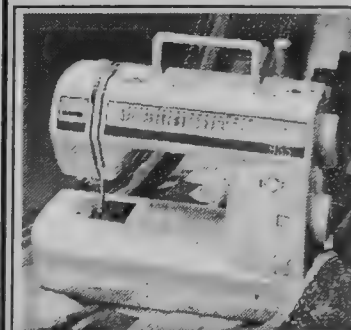


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Highlands teenager vies for award

CATHY OLLIFFE

Special to The Echo

Haliburton area teenager Lisa Gage is a contender in the Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Awards.

The annual contest is organized by the Ontario Community Newspapers Association (OCNA) to recognize the talents and contributions of the province's finest young people. Winners will be announced in January.

Lisa has always been a person who cares about the needs and feelings of others, with a particular affinity toward young children (eventually she'd like to develop a career working with children, either as a social worker or therapist). She has a strong desire to help others and has expressed this through a series of volunteer activities beginning at the age of 12.

Lisa began her volunteer career as a junior Brownie leader in London, Ont., before moving to Haliburton. She connected with a new Brownie troop in Minden after her move and continued as a leader until she finished Grade 12. At that point she was faced with health issues that required her to decrease her volunteer activity and she reluctantly eliminated Brownies from her schedule in favour of activities that were more likely to prepare her to work with troubled children in the future.

Still, she made an impact.

"It was a pleasure to work with Lisa and to share her enthusiasm and zest for life," said Valerie Robinson-Griffin, Deputy Commissioner of the Highland District Girl Guides. "This is a young lady with lots of promise. She'll go far in this world with her caring, helping attitude. She has definitely made a difference in the many girls [more than 60] lives she has shared in the past few years. They will all remember her, as will the adults who volunteered with her."

In addition to the consistent participation in Brownies, Lisa sought other volunteer opportunities to make a difference in the community. For two of her high school years she also worked at CHACE Place, a child/parent resource centre. At

CHACE Place she assisted with a weekly dinner program for families with young children.

At the beginning of Grade 12 she was seeking different experiences with children and began her volunteer work with Family Services of Haliburton. She was assigned to a weaving group for children with learning disabilities and spent every second Saturday assisting with this program. When Family Services was seeking a volunteer to supervise the children of abused women while they attended education sessions, Lisa accepted this challenge in addition to all the other volunteer work.

Dr. Fay Martin, Executive Director of Family Services of Haliburton, said about Lisa, "She was wonderful! Such dedication and competence!"

In Grade 12 Lisa was hired to work for a woman who tutored public school children who had special learning needs. She had three students and spent one night per week delivering lesson plans as well as additional time preparing individual lessons to meet the needs of the children. Thus, for much of her Grade 12 year, she spent Sunday nights preparing for tutoring sessions that occurred Monday night after school, spent Tuesday with her Brownie Pack, Wednesday supervising children of abused women and every second Saturday at the weaving program – and she wondered if she should be looking for something additional on Thursday nights!

It is important to understand that Lisa is a member of a family that owns and operates a small resort on Lake Kashagawigamog, Willow Beach Cottages. As such, she is always on call



CATHY OLLIFFE/ECHO

Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Award nominee Lisa Gage

to assist around the resort and answer guests' questions at the desk and over the telephone. The resort is a year-round operation and although summer is the busiest time, the resort is fully occupied most weekends all year long. Guests constantly compliment Lisa on her friendly, helpful manner.

From the age of 14 she has been responsible for telephone bookings and assistance with maintenance activities throughout the entire year with the additional responsibility of the children's program in the summer months. Her natural ability with children made working in the program a natural fit for Lisa.

Initially an older student was hired and she assisted. However, it soon became apparent that Lisa was a natural leader and the children responded to her guidance. When she turned 15, she took responsibility for the co-ordination of the children's program and supervision of the second staff member.

Guests are quick to compliment her on her approach to children and feel comfortable leaving their children in her care. One guest won't book her week's vacation until she is assured that Lisa will be there to supervise her children.

As if working all day with the children in the program isn't enough, Lisa is often seen playing with the children in her off-duty hours and babysitting for the guests of both our resort and a bigger resort nearby. She is first on the list of babysitters to call when this larger resort has a difficult to serve customer or infant requiring babysitting. They know they can count on her to meet the needs of the parents as well as the children.

Lisa's caring attitude extends to her family. She uses her perceptive skills to identify times when one of them needs a hug or an ear. She will spontaneously do something to help another member of the family.

"For example," says her mom, Marie, "when I was burnt out from a very busy summer being over-committed between the resort responsibilities and the responsibilities of my occupational therapy clinical practice and consulting business, Lisa presented me with a book called 'Quiet Moments For Busy Moms.' This was not done for a special occasion like a birthday but because she sensed it could fill a need."

Lisa is also a hard worker at school. High academic standing does not come easily to her but, through perseverance and hard work, she has maintained honours standing in four of the five high school years. She is particularly challenged by tests and thus works hard to do more than is expected on all other assignments in order to bring up her grades. Teacher Wanda Mole said, "Lisa is a genuine person in every respect."

Lisa is an unassuming young woman, who does not expect to be recognized for her contribution – she simply believes it is her responsibility as a member of the community to contribute to that community.

Brownie leader Kathleen Murphy said, "Lisa Gage is a teenager who has given freely of her time and skills. It is indeed time that we officially recognize Lisa for her unselfish nature and her willingness to make the difference in our society."

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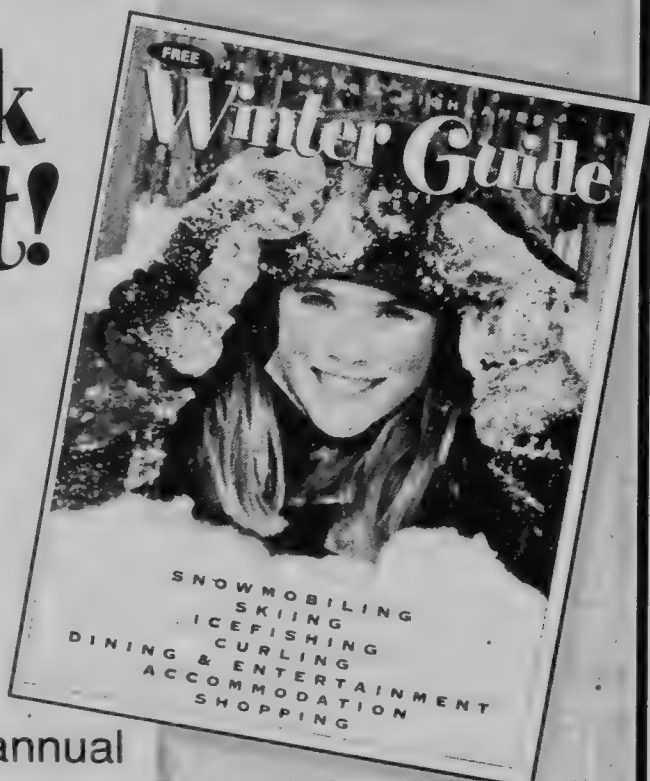
Erewhon Theatre's recent production of The Wizard of Oz was a smash hit with the audience at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion recently. Local children were asked in advance to take part, adding a lot of character to an already colourful production. The next children's concert in the Razzmatazz series is in January. Watch the Echo for details.

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JDH students impress teacher as they show off science fair projects

ERIK MARTENSSON

Staff Reporter

Ever wonder how a CD works, what makes a solar powered car run or how the human eye functions? Well, if you had attended the Grade Eight science fair at JDH elementary in Haliburton last week a group of teenagers could have explained how.

Four Grade Eight science classes took part in the Optics Fair organised by teacher Diane Dron. Students were given the choice of 25 projects relating to optics, light or colour or were allowed to choose a subject of their own as long as it was linked to one of the three.

Because Dron gave the students freedom to do

their own projects she was a little nervous as to what the final results would be and says she didn't sleep the night before the fair. A beaming Dron was thoroughly impressed in the end however as the students managed to create many exciting and informative projects. Dron also noted that many of the projects were of high school and university capacity.

"To give them the freedom to learn on their own was a wonderful experience, both for me and for the students."

Dron says the fair also taught the students how to work as a team and learn from each other as they were allowed to work in pairs.

"I'm so happy. They've learned more than I could have taught them in five weeks."



Jesse Johnson takes the solar-powered car he and Matt Roberts built for a spin at right, while at left, Michael Flowers explains how a Compact Disc works. Flowers' partner on the project was Adam Perecko.



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Child Nutrition Program comes to Haliburton County

by Karen Phipps

As any parent knows, proving your child with proper nutrition is no easy task. Hectic mornings, long bus rides, after school activities, and different body rhythms, all add to the challenge of ensuring adequate nutrition for those growing bodies. This challenge is about to get easier thanks to a new community project that has come to Haliburton County.

The Canadian Living Foundation (CLF) has provided funding through a Community Partners grant to establish and support food and nutrition programs in a bi-county project that includes Haliburton and Victoria Counties. The funding has sponsored the hiring of two coordinators to support and initiate the Community Partners Program; Penny Dyke will facilitate the program for Victoria County and Karen Phipps will concentrate on the Haliburton area. The two coordinators work with a steering committee made of up groups, agencies, organizations and individuals from the two counties.

Since 1992, the Canadian Living Foundation, through its "Breakfast for Learning" program, has helped establish more than 2000 community-based nutrition programs. "The Breakfast for Learning" program, which also includes snacks and lunches, was the brain child of the editors of Canadian Living magazine. The Foundation is dedicated to sponsoring and developing programs that promote childhood nutrition. In Haliburton the primary focus is on the development of school food and nutrition programs.

The correlation between academic success and adequate nutrition has long been recognized. The program is based on the premise that if we expect our children to work to their potential we need to ensure that we give them the tools in order to do so. By providing students with nutritional opportunities at school we are establishing the precedent that we care about their needs and understand the importance of nutrition in a child's overall health.

As the name of the Community Partners Program suggests, it needs support from the community in order to succeed and ensure long term development of nutrition programs for our children.

Over the next two years it is hoped that there will be a

Paige Roberts, Jessica Kennedy and Regan Wing knead some dough at Stuart Baker Elementary.



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nutrition education program in all of the counties' schools. The CLF offers both financial and educational support to programs that display an initiative in providing a nutrition service for their students. However, the funding is dependent upon community support. As a community we have the collective responsibility to provide for our children.

- Nutrition is a fundamental determinant of healthy child development;
- Good nutrition positively affects a child's ability to learn;
- By combining our knowledge, expertise and resources in an effort to provide for our children, we are investing in our future;
- Educators and health workers report that poorly nourished children may be disruptive in the classroom and exhibit lack of energy, diminished concentration, low self-esteem and poor social skills.

The community can show its support for nutrition programs in a variety of ways. Individuals, service groups, local businesses, agencies are all encouraged to share their knowledge, expertise and resources in

ensuring the nutritional health of our children.

Currently there are two new programs scheduled to begin in the new year and two existing programs that welcome new support. Wilberforce Breakfast Club is running two to three days a week and has been for the past four years. Casey Forget and Angie Scott have donated their time and energy to this program. Casey says that "I can see the difference it makes in the lives of these kids. The breakfast club is a place they can come in the morning and see a friendly face, share a conversation and get something good in their stomachs. The teachers like it because the kids are happier and more focussed." This program has just received notification from CLF that they will receive \$1,300 to strengthen their program.

Cardiff Elementary School plans to offer a daily snack program that teaches children about healthy eating. They have received notification that their program will receive \$5,631 from CLF. Stuart Baker Elementary School will embark on a two to three-day-a-week snack program. They have received notification that they will be the recipients of \$1,900 from CLF. Archie Stouffer has received funding from CLF in the past and will again apply for it. JDHES is in the process of developing a program that reflects the needs and requirements of the students.

Volunteers are needed in all of the programs. If you have a few hours a week or would like to make a donation of food or money, contact your local school and ask how your time can make a difference in the life of a child.

Romeo LeBlanc, a former governor general of Canada and patron of the Canadian Living Foundation sums it up nicely: "When a child's stomach is empty, everything else is secondary. Before developing a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for learning, one must first satisfy the body's thirst and hunger. This is the challenge faced by our society."

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An update on licensing

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For example, temporary licences are only being issued to those who are successfully screened against Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) databases. And, like current licence holders, those with temporary firearms licences will be continuously screened against police databases. Firearms licences will be issued only to those found eligible after further screening.

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• **Ontario Breast Screening Program** - Victoria County. For women 50 years and over, screening **every Thursday** at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay. No doctor referral necessary. Call Mon. - Fri. for an appointment, 705-328-6175.

• **Scottish Country Dancers** meet **every Monday** evening at JD Hodgson School gym, 7:30 p.m. Beginners and singles welcome. Call 286-1218 or 447-2509.

• **Highland Sr. Citizens Club** meet **every Thursday**, at the Royal Canadian Legion at 12 o'clock. Price \$3.50 for lunch. All seniors welcome.

• **Highland Wood Carvers** meet **every Monday** at the Lochlin Community Centre, from 1 - 4 p.m. or 7 - 10 p.m. New members welcome. For more information please call 457-1966 or 286-2029.

• **Climax Climbing Club** - **Tuesday evenings** at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. Families: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. children and parents climb together; Youth: 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Drop-In Indoor Rock-Climbing. \$3. per person. Everyone welcome. Children under 13 yrs. must be accompanied by an adult. Parental permission required for youth under 18 yrs. For more information call Greg at Family Services of Haliburton County, 457-5345.

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• **Dec. 28: Daffodil Cancer Support Group**, Haliburton United Church: Cancer patients and families reaching out to help others cope with this disease. Contact people are Jean Casey 457-1010 and Helen Cox 286-2224.

• **Jan. 16: The Haliburton/Kawartha Maple Syrup Producers** will hold their Annual Meeting/Information Day on Tuesday, Jan. 16, in Bobcaygeon at the Cagion Lanes. Registration 9 a.m. with meeting at 10 a.m. Non-members are welcome. Day will include a tour of Martins' Sugar Camp. For further info. contact Bill at (705) 457-2176.

• **Feb. 1: LIFT, Ladies In Fellowship Together**, invite you back this New Year to celebrate the "Love" month at West Guilford Recreation Centre, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Special feature: "Creative Memories" with albums, Pat Wicks, Minden. Love Notes from soloist Phyllis Fisher, Peterborough. Speaker: "Creating a Memorable Story", Doreen Smith, Kennisis Lake. Free admission - come out, bring a friend. You'll be "lifted". For more info call: Alice, 754-2808, or Lyn, 457-3155. Sponsored by Women's Ministries, West Guilford Baptist Church.

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Loonie Draw Conveynor Kina Burmania and Flea Market Committee Chairman Jan Shipley of the Ladies Legion Auxillary present Dale Walker of the Haliburton Health Services Foundation with a cheque for \$500. The generous donation was raised by the Loonie Draws held during the Legion's Flea Markets.

Holiday carolers to descend on beach Friday evening

It is the aftermath of the big snowstorm of December 2000, and like most of Haliburton I await the snowploughs. Schools are open but there are no buses. In the 50s and 60s when I had children in school, these were known as "Snow Days", a wonderful treat. As a stay-at-home mom we always made doughnuts. The kids dipped them in sugar and piled them on a spindle. What a treat after a play in the cold and the snow.

A generation earlier I never recall missing school for either snow or cold. If the drifts were too deep it was horses and sleigh to the rescue. The opportunity to further an education was too precious to miss.

Our village is a nightly fairyland of bright lights and outdoor decorations. Against this background and sponsored by the Rhubarb Committee there

will be Carol Sing at the Beach on Friday evening, December 22, complete with bonfire, hot cider or hot chocolate and a gaggle of flutes to provide the accompaniment. We hope for a goodly number of carollers whether on or off key. Dress warmly.

eagle lake news

rhubarb patch

Ruth Still
754-2102

Last Sunday, The Haliburton Silver Flute Band performed their annual concert at The Northern Lights Pavilion. This year there were 32 flutes and 12 drums, all players under 19 years of age. Their numbers increase yearly and Bill Medland, the producer-director-mentor of these young people, hopes for more players, perhaps

enough for two band groups. He was ably assisted by Shelley Van Nood as co-ordinator and Scott Campbell as emcee. Such endeavours to give an artistic outlet for local young people cannot be highly enough praised.

Also on December 10, Search and Rescue hosted their Christmas thank you dinner for The Eagle Lake Women's Society, a wonderful repast for the few times we were asked to prepare coffee and sandwiches for the search group out on a lengthy hunt-mission.

On December 14, The Eagle Lake Women's Society will hold their Christmas luncheon and meeting, not at one of our members' homes but at our new restaurant, affectionately known as The Bistro. This establishment is not yet a year opened but already a welcome addition to our daily lives in the village. Check The Echo for their holiday schedule.

A new establishment in our village at 7380 County Road 14, 754-9621, is "Tracey's Hairdressing", convenient, and serving men, women and children.

The high point of our Christmas season is, as always, the Christmas Eve Church Services at 7 and 8:30. This year's entertainment is "Nocturne". Trust we shall see you there and to all, a happy and healthy festive season.

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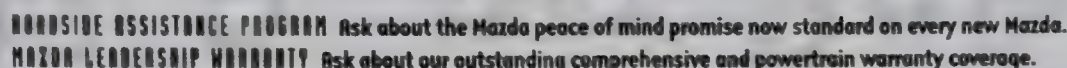


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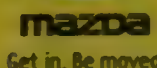
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THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

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NOTICE

MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, January 8th, 2001, a by-law to rename a portion of North Kennis Drive.

The portion of North Kennis Drive affected by the proposed by-law is shown on Plans 585 to 590 inclusive, south of the Kennis River. The portion of North Kennis Drive north of the Kennis River is not affected by this by-law.

The proposed name is West Shore Drive.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that he will be adversely affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (9:00 am. to 5:00 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 11th day of December, 2000.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Township Planner

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SHERBORNE, McCLINTOCK, LIVINGSTONE, LAWRENCE AND NIGHTINGALE

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Sherborne, McClintock, Livingstone, Lawrence and Nightingale proposes to enact a By-Law to stop up, close and sell that part of the original shore road allowance set out and described as follows: Township of McClintock, County of Haliburton, being part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 12, Concession 1, Township of McClintock, designated as Parts 3 and 4 on Plan 19R-6875.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, North Shore Rd, Stanhope, Ontario, on the 5th day of January, 2001, at the hour of 2:30 p.m. and at that time the Council will hear any person or by his Counsel, Solicitor or Agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

DATED: November 28, 2000

Diane J. Griffin,
Clerk-Treasurer,
Corporation of the Township of
Sherborne, McClintock, Livingstone,
Lawrence and Nightingale

This original shore road allowance is located in front of Lot 12, Concession 1, Township of McClintock, along the shore of Harvey Lake and upon being closed and stopped up will be sold to owners of land abutting.

Part 4 - Weidner; and Part 3 - Ministry of Natural Resources.

Firearm owners have options but must act now

After January 1, 2001, owning a firearm without a licence will no longer be a legal option. Canada's Firearms Act requires that all firearm owners get a firearms licence by the end of this year. A valid licence will also be required to purchase ammunition.

For those who don't plan to get a licence by the end of this year, there are other options.

Firearms that are no longer used or wanted, can, for example, be sold or given to an individual or business that has a licence. Proper deactivation of a firearm by a gunsmith is another option. It is also possible to contact local police and arrange for the disposal of unwanted firearms. While they may differ from city to city, most local police services do have procedures in place. It is important to call in advance of bringing firearms in.

Regardless of which option is chosen, Canada's Department of Justice says firearm owners should be aware that as of the new year, it will be illegal to possess a firearm without a licence, regardless of what condition it is in, or how infrequently it is used.

Make sure to pick up your copy of The Echo's Winter Guide

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SHERBORNE, McCLINTOCK, LIVINGSTONE, LAWRENCE AND NIGHTINGALE

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Sherborne, McClintock, Livingstone, Lawrence and Nightingale proposes to enact a By-Law to stop up, close and sell that part of the original shore road allowance set out and described as follows:

Township of Livingstone, County of Haliburton, being part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 9, Concession 4, Township of Livingstone, designated as Parts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 on Plan 19R-6879.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, North Shore Rd., Stanhope, Ontario, on the 5th day of January, 2001 at the hour of 2:00 p.m., and at that time the Council will hear any person or by his Counsel, Solicitor or Agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

DATED: November 22, 2000.

Diane J. Griffin,
Clerk-Treasurer,
Corporation of the Township of
Sherborne, McClintock, Livingstone,
Lawrence and Nightingale.

This original shore road allowance is located in front of Lot 9, Concession 4, Township of Livingstone, along the shore of Livingstone Lake and upon being closed and stopped up will be sold to owners of land abutting.

Part 2 - Durocher/Hammond; Parts 1 and 5 - McHenry; and Parts 3 and 4 - Ministry of Natural Resources.

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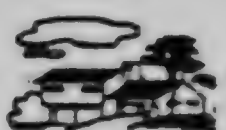
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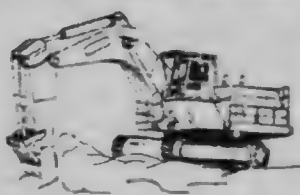
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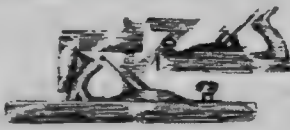
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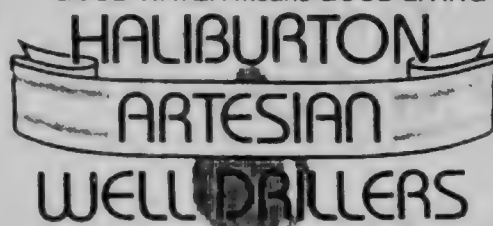

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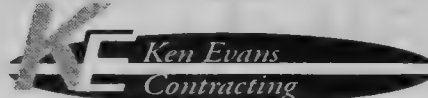
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MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO

Bed and breakfast owners who participated in the recent B and B Christmas tour were applauded when they presented the board of the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts with the \$1,900 that was raised through the inaugural event. Here, Pam Smith, right, presents the money to the Guild's Bev Muir and Barry Hayward (in back) while some of her fellow tour participants, Jessie Pflug, Marilyn Frost, Caroline Gearing and Sally Moore look on.

Old fashioned carol service comes to Essonville Church on Christmas Eve

The community carol service was a joyful occasion Sunday evening, December 17. Held annually, it brings together for the evening people from most of the area churches reading lessons and joining in singing the carols.

The Gentlemen of Song presented several numbers and a ladies choir combined with them for other pieces. Solo parts were taken by Marg Jeske, Stan Beard and Shirley Riley.

Rev. Christopher Greaves led the prayers and joined the choir. Readers were June Woodcox, Ken Jones, Myrtle Weedmark, Joan Noble, Hilda Clark, Garry Burroughs and Rev. Greaves.

A fine crowd enjoyed this evening at the United Church, with program arranged by St. Margaret's, and despite the snowy weather, many stayed for refreshments.

Reminder that adult skating is on a Monmouth arena Thursday mornings at 11 a.m.. Get out those skates, helmets and other necessary protection and hit the ice for some fun and good exercise. Spread the word about this activity!

The Monmouth Seniors went out for a Christmas dinner on Tuesday, December 12. They enjoyed a good meal and a pleasant time at the Algonquin Cookhouse.

Also enjoying a Christmas dinner at that location on Thurs. Dec. 14 were the members of the Ladies Auxiliary of Legion Branch 624.

On Christmas Eve an old fashioned carol service is being held at the

Essonville Church - that's December 24 at 7 p.m.. Always a lovely time with the kerosene lamps and candles, some presentations by children and lots of singing. Do take an hour from your usual Christmas Eve activities to be part of this evening.

It was a joy to be part of the Christmas Festival of Carols and Readings at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton on Sat., Dec. 16. Bill Gliddon had put together an interesting program and many people braved the rain and threat of freezing rain to attend.

Joining the regular choir were Elsie Lewis, Stan Beard and Lloyd Griffiths from Wilberforce. In addition to scripture lessons read by Eleanor Cooper, Christopher Greaves and Carolyn Beard, two poems were recited

ed by Bill Gliddon. Curtis Eastmure read a selection from the Nutcracker and Hilda Clark read a story of composer George Handel and his Messiah. Paul Kennedy of CBC radio presented two fine stories by Canadian humourist Stephen Leacock. They were The Christmas Ghost and The Christmas Ghost and The Errors of Santa Claus. One of the most interesting readings was "A Trini Christmas" written and read by Ankelly Armstrong who had a solo part in the delightful carol Sing Out the News, which all gave a taste of Christmas in Trinidad and Tobago.

May I extend my wishes to all who read this humble column for a very pleasant Christmas season.

community news —

wilberforce

Hilda Clark

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Classes available for smokers ready to quit

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is offering a Smoke-Free Living Program that could offer support to anyone wanting to quit smoking. This program runs twice a week for three weeks.

Classes begin Thursday, January 11, 2001, at 7 p.m. at the Health Unit's Haliburton office, three kilometres north of town on Highway 118 (beside Dysart Road Department Garages).

"Sometimes a little support from oth-

ers can make all of the difference when people are quitting smoking," says Kris Kadwell, with the HKPR District Health Unit's Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention department. "We can provide a variety of resources, information and support to help people become smoke-free and stay that way."

Call the Health Unit for more information or to register for the program at (705) 457-1391.

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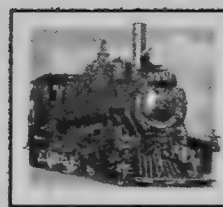
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Wednesday, Dec. 27, Wednesday Jan. 3
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Rails End Gallery

Thank you!

The Gallery would like to thank the businesses and artists who decorated wreaths - it was a great success!

As well a big thank you to the Bed & Breakfasts in their support and especially to Pam Smith for organizing the tour.

The Gallery is closed now until May.

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year to everyone.

HHGFA Board



Funny money, fun toys

Thanks to the generosity of people who donated their Canadian Tire money to either the Bank of Montreal in Haliburton or Camarvon Building Supplies, the 4Cs now has an additional \$400 worth of toys to include with its Christmas hampers. Displaying some of the toys which were purchased with the "funny money" are staff at the Bank of Montreal which initiated the fundraising effort several years ago: Gary Meathrel, Brenda Fearrey, Sheri Whiteway, Holly Cooper, Tyler Lockhart, Sharon Sinclair, Nelly Ashworth, Barb Wood and Cathy Chumbley.

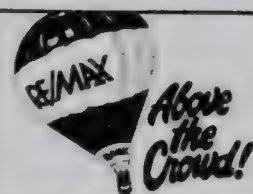
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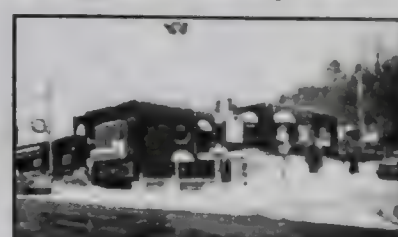


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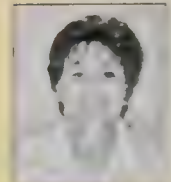
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Large snowfall forces cancellation of several holiday events

Several young musicians from around Guilford participated in "An Old Fashioned Christmas Concert" at the high school on Sunday, December 10, when The Silver Flutes Band performed for the large audience there. Ryan Urquhart, Kristy Bourgeois, Nicholas Chumbley, Justin and Nathan Dunning were in the instrumental section and Glenda Dunning sang with Alison Perecko to begin the performance with carolling.

A Christmas Ladies Night was organized by Bill Marshall for December 9 at the Centre. The Masons of North Entrance Lodge entertained us with a really delicious dinner and afterwards a dance.

Various events had to be cancelled on Monday, December 11 and a few on Tuesday as well due to the big snowfall,

even bingo at the Centre and our Scottish Country Dancing.

School buses couldn't run on Tuesday and while the municipal snowploughs did a great job on the main roads, no one could get through the drifted snow from house to road with all the driveways blocked and requiring lots of snow shovelling by either hand or machinery. It took a long time for clearance.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Hazel Dorman in the loss of her husband, Al, who died on Monday night at Extencicare, Haliburton. Al contributed a great deal to this community, active as he was at the Centre with line dance leadership and in faithful attendance and work at the Maple Lake United Church where he will be sorely missed. His funeral was held from there on Friday, December 15, 2000.

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper

754-2388



LEN PIZZEY/Echo

A helping hand

The 4C's Christmas food drive got a boost recently from the Haliburton/Muskoka District Real Estate Board. Derrell Stamp, left, presents a cheque for \$250 on behalf of local realtors to Bob Thompson of the 4C's. The real estate board also donated similar cheques to Christmas food drives in Huntsville, Bracebridge and Gravenhurst.

Holiday Church Services

around the Highlands



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Sunday Dec 31	Lochlin United	9:30am
	Haliburton United	11:15am

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In The Year Of Our Lord 2000/20001

Sat. Dec. 23	7:00pm	4th Sunday of Advent
Sun. Dec. 24	7:30pm	Carol Sing
	8:00 pm	Christmas Eve: Nativity of Our Lord
Sat. Dec. 30	7:00pm	Holy Family of Nazareth
Sun. Dec. 31	7:00pm	Mary, Mother of God/ New Year
Jan 6/7	7:00pm/8:30 am	Epiphany of Our Lord

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Schedule of Christmas Services

Tuesday, Dec. 19

10:00 a.m.

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Sunday, Dec. 24

8:00 a.m. Advent Communion & Carols

7:00 p.m. Family Communion & Youth Pageant

11:00 p.m. Midnight Eucharist & Carols

ST. JAMES, KINMOUNT

Sunday, Dec. 24

11:15 a.m. Advent Communion & Carols

9:00 p.m. Family Communion & Carols

ST. PETER'S, MAPLE LAKE

Sunday, Dec. 24

9:15 a.m. Advent Communion & Carols

Monday, Dec. 25

10:00 a.m. Family Christmas Eucharist

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St. Margaret's Anglican Church
Wilberforce
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& Christmas Eucharist

St. George's, Haliburton
Dec. 24 - 3:30 p.m. - Family Eucharist
for Christmas with
The Haliburton Silver Flutes
7:00 p.m. Carols
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 31, 2000
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. George's
9:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols at St. Margaret's
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10:30 a.m. Lessons and Carols

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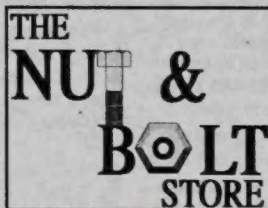
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604 COMPUTERS

COMPUTER - 133 Pentium, upgraded, 32 MG. RAM, 8.4 GIG hard drive, asking \$475. Phone evenings, (705) 754-2071.

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Community Support Worker Required - The Four Counties Brain Injury Association requires a Community Support Worker 30 hours per week for Haliburton County. Must reside in the Haliburton/Minden area. A Home Office is necessary and a computer will be supplied. The successful candidate should possess:

- Working knowledge of Acquired brain Injury
 - Post secondary education in relevant discipline
 - Ability to work as part of a team
 - Available to work flexible hours
 - Reliable vehicle, valid Ontario Drivers licence and insurance
 - CPR and First Aid an asset
- Please submit resumes detailing qualifications by 4:00 p.m. December 21/00 to:

HIRING COMMITTEE
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PRODUCTION MANAGER WANTED - Outerwear manufacturing operation needs a production manager. Must be experienced in all aspects of cut and sew textile operations. Must have proven management ability and experience. Must be familiar with computers and software or willing to learn. Must have own transportation. Flexible hours. Fax resume to (705) 286-4894 or mail to Comp 327 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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SEWING HELP WANTED - Outerwear manufacturing operation needs experienced part-time and full-time sewers. Must have own transportation. Flexible hours. Fax resume to 286-4894 or mail to Comp 327 Minden, Ont. K0M 2K0.

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701 COMING EVENTS

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS CONCERT SERIES

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WED DEC 27TH**

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The Bingo Committee

701 COMING EVENTS

Kai-Shin Karate (North)

Highland Street - Haliburton
(below Home Hardware)

MONDAY - FRIDAY
Children 5:30 pm
Juniors 6:45pm
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Saturday classes available
Everyone Welcome

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for more information

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Goodbye Monmouth Township
Millennium Ball
Sunday, December 31st
9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Lloyd Watson Centre in
Wilberforce
Music by
"The Candlelight Combo"
Advance tickets \$12 per person
at Agnews and LCBO
Special Occasion Permit
For more information contact
Kathy Rogers (705) 448-3652

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NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

West Guilford
Recreation Centre
December 31, 2000
9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.
D.J. - Jamie Bacon
Prizes
Hot and cold buffet,
\$17.50 per person
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Monday, January 8th
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All R.T.O. Members,
Retired Teachers and Guests
Welcome
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(705) 754-9129
by January 3

704 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Haliburton County Studio Tour 2001 Call to Enter

The Haliburton County Studio Tour is accepting new applicants for next years tour, Fall 2001.

- Applicants must have their principle residence in Haliburton County, and a studio/space presentable to the public.
- Art or craft must be original works by the artist. (Kits, patterns or reproductions are not acceptable.)
- A resume, portfolio and samples of work must be available for presentation to a committee for jurying.
- For more information please call Cindy Vellinga (Chairperson) at 754-3999.
- The deadline is Dec. 30, 2000.

703 LOST & FOUND

\$500 REWARD for information towards theft on Sunday, December 10, from Jim Reynolds shop on Hwy. 121. Yellow wood splitter (Cub Cadet), MIG welder (red and black), 2-1/2" drive air guns. Call 457-3647 or 457-1345. CA

FOUND: Male, adult, hound, black with speckled chest and front legs, white speckles at end of tail. Wearing a faded orange nylon collar, found at Riverside Dr. and Eastern Ave., Haliburton Village. Call Municipality of Dysart Animal Control, 457-1740.

LOST between County Road 1 and Ingoldsby on December 2, tri-coloured beagle/walker cross, family pet. Call 286-4262.

704 ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE CENTRE Christmas Hours

Closed at 12:00
Friday, December 22nd
Open: 9:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 27th to
Friday, December 29th
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708 OBITUARIES

JAMES ALLAN DORMAN

**Died at Extensivecare,
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after a long and courageous
battle with cancer,
on Tuesday,
December 12, 2000
In his 77th year.**

Beloved husband and best friend of Hazel (Farmer). Left to mourn are his three children, Suzanne and Gerry Powell, Paul and Margaret Dorman and Nancy Doherty. He leaves nine loving grandchildren, Kelly and Don, Sean, Todd, Sarah, Melissa, Pamela, Christopher, Matthew and Heather. Brother of William and Dorothy Dorman and Audrey Blackman. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden (1-888-588-5777), K0M 2K0, on Thursday, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Then to the Maple Lake United Church for Funeral Service on Friday, December 15, 2000 at 1 p.m. Spring interment at Maple Lake United Church Cemetery. Memorial donations to Extensivecare Haliburton, Haliburton Branch of the V.O.N. or to SIRCH Community Hospice would be appreciated by the family.

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708 OBITUARIES

IRENE FLATT (nee Haslam)
of Haliburton and formerly of
Fenelon Falls and Drayton,
passed away peacefully at the
Haliburton Highlands Health
Services, on Monday, December
11, 2000, in her 78th year.

Beloved wife of the late Charles Douglas Flatt (1998). Dear mother of Kevin of Haliburton and Sandra and her husband Randy Arsenault of Cold Lake, Alberta. Loving grandmother of Scott Arsenault. Loved sister of Ruth and her husband Bert Armstrong of Galt, Walter Haslam and his wife Ann of Hamilton, Earl Haslam of Wilberforce, Kathleen and her husband Harold Snelling of Goderich, Lloyd Haslam and his wife Diane of Durham, Mildred and her husband John Sanders of Elmira, and Freda and her husband Ray Fletcher of Drayton. Sister-in-law of Kathleen Wise of Hamilton, Laura and her husband Marshall Bethune of Hamilton and Mary and her husband Tom Lancelley of Victoria, B.C. Predeceased by one sister-in-law Ruth Haslam and one brother-in-law Wilfred Wise. The family received friends on Wed., December 13, 2000, from 12:30 p.m. until Funeral Service time at 2 p.m. at the Heritage Funeral Home, Drayton, where the Funeral Service was held in the Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, December 13, 2000, at 2 p.m. followed by interment in Drayton Cemetery.

709 IN MEMORIAM

JOHNSON, EDITH - In loving memory of a very dear Mom and Grandma who left us December 25, 1994.

God, find the softest pillow
To lay her head upon,
Place a kiss upon her cheek
And tell her who it's from;
Put your arms around her
In a never ending hug
Tell her that we miss her
And give her all our love.
Forever in our hearts, **Vicky, Rob,
Justin and Alyssa.**

JOHNSON, EDITH - In loving memory of my dear Mom who passed away December 25, 1994. Mom's life is a beautiful memory. Her death is a silent grief. She sleeps in God's beautiful garden, In sunshine of perfect peace; We miss her, oh how much, But realize God knew best, He let us have her many years, Then gently bade her rest. Always loved and forever remembered, **Darlene.**

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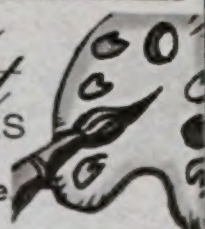
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709 IN MEMORIAM

JOHNSON, EDITH F. - In loving memory of my dear wife, Edith F. Johnson, who left to be with the Lord on December 25, 1994. It only takes a little space To write how much we miss you But it will take the rest of our lives, To forget the day we lost you. Sadly missed by husband John and families.

710 LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE AUDREY LUELLA BANNON
All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of AUDREY LUELLA BANNON, late, of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 6th day of November, 2000, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 2nd day of January, 2001.
AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled here-to by the Executor/Administrator of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice.
DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 12th day of December, 2000.
RAYMOND G. SELBIE, Barrister, Solicitor, P.O. Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0. CA

712 CARDS OF THANKS

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS BED & BREAKFASTS would like to thank everyone who participated in the Christmas Tour, local businesses who advertised in our Tour Guide and Teddy Time and Memories etc. who generously donated items for a draw. The winner of the teddy bear was Norm Hibbard and Lyn McInnes won the gift certificate from Memories etc. \$1,950 was donated to the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts.

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DEAR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES: On behalf of my mother Maria, my brother Michael, my wife Lynda, my daughter Andrea and son Tristan, I would like to express my deep appreciation and sincere thank you to all for the many flowers, donations, cards of condolences, phone calls and e-mails that we have received in memory of my dear father, loving husband and grandfather who recently and suddenly passed away. Your kind and caring support has meant more than words can ever express and, on behalf of my family, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Knowing that others share in our great loss will help us get through this most difficult time. May God bless one and all. **Nick and the Pawluch family.**

HEARTFELT THANKS from Mary Donovan-Wilcox: Hallelujah, I passed my written flight test December 5, but I couldn't have done it without the help of many. Thanks; first and foremost to God for sustaining me and giving me the energy and ability to carry on, as hard as it was at times, to my wonderful husband and children, Stephen, Jenna, Summer and Liam for their love, support and extra help around the house, to our new baby for not arriving early, to Barry Hart for the over 20 hours of tutoring he spent with me and his patience, support and enthusiasm, to Tim Coombs, my instructor, and everyone else at Linvic Flying Club that assisted and encouraged me, to Dr. Hindman and Erin for the use of their electronic flight computer, to Jenna and Summer's mom Darlene for all the extra taxiing to and from activities, to the many friends that helped with child care and rides for Liam, and last but not least to all my family, friends and Lakeside Church family who have prayed for and encouraged me continually over the last six months. Thank you, all! I couldn't have done it without you! CA

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THE HALIBURTON COUNTY CHILDREN'S CHOIR would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donation towards our Christmas Concert. Thanks to them we were able to hold our concert at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Thanks again to: Teddy Time, V & S Department Store, T.M.S. Services, Darko Enterprises, Petrini Construction, Guardian Village Court Pharmacy, Roberts-Austin Fuels, Village Donuts and Cafe, Mary and Andy Chvedukas, Nona Lyn Philp, Jim Donovan, Spectra Environmental, and The Cooperators Insurance.

THE STUDENTS AND STAFF of Stuart Baker Elementary School would like to say "thank you" to all the wonderful help given by so many dedicated volunteers. We love to see you at school and appreciate the time and effort put into helping us to enhance our programming each and every day. A donation has been given to the 4Cs in honour of all our volunteers at Stuart Baker Elementary School. CA

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK Dr. Karaguesian, Dr. Gammon, Dr. Ferracuti and the nurses and staff of the Haliburton Hospital, Hyland Crest Long Term Care Hospital of Minden, Dr. Campioni, all the nurses and staff for the excellent care they gave to Ada, also the palliative care ladies who gave their time to her. Thanks to the ladies of the West Guilford Community Centre for the lovely luncheon they served. We also thank Pastor Paul Benson for his helpful words; Dwaine and Molly of the Haliburton Community Funeral Home for all their help and kindness. Special thanks to all the relatives, friends and neighbours who visited Ada, we appreciated it very much. **Gordon, Paul, Jennifer, Adrienne, Hannah Jones.**

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With the Holiday Season upon us, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you who have made our year a special one.

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